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Preaching Facts Or Fancies

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Not very long ago a magazine printed a sermon by a California preacher who related that he had recently talked with one of the astronomers at Mt. Wilson Observatory concerning the new 200 inch telescope at Mt. Palomar. The preacher asked what new things had been discovered by this new giant telescope, the largest in the world today and twice the size of the previously largest telescope. The astronomer confided that a new star of unusual brilliance had been found and that it appeared square in shape and was rapidly approaching the earth. When the preacher asked why this had not been made public, he was told that since the astronomers had no explanation for the phenomenon, they were going to keep it a secret until they could offer an explanation.

The preacher then quoted from Revelation 21:2: "And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband." Following that the preacher quoted a part of verse sixteen: "And the city lieth foursquare." Then he asked if it may not be that we have actually come to a day when men have been able to produce, after

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PROGRAM FOR BROTHERHOOD CONVENTION RELEASED

FIRST SESSION TO BEGIN AT 10 O'CLOCK NOV. 14

Baptist men of Mississippi are planning to come to Jackson in large numbers on November 14 for the State Brotherhood Convention, according to an announcement by W. R. Roberts, State Brotherhood Secretary.

The program will begin at 10 o'clock in the morning and close with an address by Dr. Ellis A. Fuller, president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, at 8:20 p. m.

Harris D. Shinn, Educational Director of Calvary Church, Jackson, will direct the music and W. C. Morgan, Associate Training Union Secretary, will have charge of all special music.

Others scheduled to have parts on the program are: Rev. R. J. Sweetman, Rev. H. D. Jordan, Rev. E. C. Edwards, Dr. Glen Eric Wiley, Rev. Carey Cox, Rev. W. P. Davis, Hon. Carroll Gartin, Dr. S. R. Woodson, Rev. J. H. Street, W. R. Roberts, and Dr. D. M. Nelson.

The program follows:

Monday Morning, November 14
10:00—Song, led by Harris D. Shinn.
10:20—Announcements. Appoint Nom-

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CONVENTION PROGRAM TOLD

VISITING SPEAKERS ARE: FULLER, CARTER, BURTON, MADDOX

Dr. John E. Barnes To Preach Sermon

CRANFORD TO SPEAK ON MISS. RADIO HOUR

Rev. David Cranford, pastor at Indianola, will be the speaker on the Mississippi Radio Hour Sunday, October 30. This will be the last of three consecutive messages by the Rev. Mr. Cranford. He will be heard over the following stations:

At 8:30 p. m. over WLAU, Laurel and WLOX, Biloxi; at 2 p. m. over WSLI, Jackson; WCBI, Columbus; WMOX, Meridian; WROB, West Point; WLEO, Tupelo; WROX, Clarksdale; WAPF, McComb; WJMB, Brookhaven; WNAG, Grenada; WHOC, Philadelphia.

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"CRIPPLE TOM" BEGINS IN THE NEXT ISSUE

"Cripple Tom" is the story of a boy who was a shut-in but who found that he could serve the Lord even though handicapped.

The story is illustrated just as though it were a comic strip—but it teaches a worthwhile lesson.

Both old and young will be helped by reading it.

Ask your friends to subscribe now so that they will receive the very first installment.



DR. W. E. GREEN

Dr. W. E. Green, president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention who will preside over the 1949 session of the Convention. Dr. Green will be assisted by Rev. Reese Rogers and Ralph Hester, first and second vice-presidents, respectively.

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The Last Call

The Baptist Record wants to know who has attended the most meetings of the State Convention.

Plans are being made to honor the person with the record of attending the most conventions. Send name and number of years to the Editor of the Baptist Record, Jackson, Mississippi. The deadline is November 1.

ENLARGED PLANS FOR WORLD ADVANCE IN 1950 LAID BY FOREIGN MISSION BOARD IN SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION

Editor Asks For Aid On 15th Anniversary Asks Nothing For Himself But 1,500 New Subscribers

As announced in last week's issue of the Baptist Record, the year 1949 will complete 15 years of service with the Baptist Record by Editor Goodrich, seven as circulation manager and eight as editor.

Emphasizing the number FIFTEEN, friends and well-wishers are asked to send in clubs of 15 subscribers or multiples of fifteen. A roll of individuals and churches sending in lists of 15 or more will be kept. One club of 15 will count for one anniversary remembrance, additional fifteen names or more will be credited as additional remembrances.

A goal of 1,500 new subscriptions has been set for the remainder of the year and all who will are urged to share the celebration.

The 114th session of the Mississippi Baptist Convention will convene in First Church, Jackson, on November 15 at 9 a. m. according to the program just released by the committee on order of business. The committee is composed of Dr. Glen Eric Wiley, chairman; Rev. David Cranford, Dr. G. Norman Price, Dr. Wilburn S. Smith, Dr. John Maddox and Rev. D. D. Satterwhite.

Out-of-state speakers and the causes they represent are: Dr. Ellis A. Fuller, the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; Rev. J. Perry Carter, the Home Mission Board; Dr. Joe W. Burton, the Sunday School Board; Dr. S. E. Maddox, the Foreign Mission Board.

The Tuesday evening session will feature State Missions and Home Missions. Dr. D. A. McCall, Mississippi Convention Board Executive Secretary, will speak on State Missions and Dr. J. Perry Carter will discuss the work of the Home Mission Board.

On Wednesday evening, Dr. Joe Burton, editor of Home Life Magazine, will speak on "The Christian Home." Following Dr. Burton's address, the report on Foreign Missions will be presented by Dr. W. A. Bell and Dr. S. E. Maddox will discuss the work of the Foreign Mission Board.

The closing session of the Convention is scheduled for Thursday morning with adjournment time set at 12:30 p. m.

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DR. ELLIS FULLER

Shown above is Dr. Ellis Fuller, president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary who will address the Mississippi Baptist Brotherhood Convention on Monday, November 14 at 11:40 a. m. and 8:20 p. m. Dr. Fuller will also speak to the Mississippi Baptist Convention at 2:45 p. m. on Tuesday, November 15.

RICHMOND, Va.—(BP)—"The test of Christian missionary undertaking abroad is not the number of souls won, but the vitality of the native Christian constituency," Dr. M. Theron Rankin, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, told members of the Board at its recent semiannual session here.

To finance its program in 27 nations during 1950, the Board approved a budget of \$3,264,714.32 to be added to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for a total budget of \$5,250,000. Dr. Rankin declared that Southern Baptists are "in big business with God. This business requires the courage and faith to think and plan in big terms."

The Board now has 98 of its total staff of 200 China missionaries still in the Orient, according to the air mail report of Orient Secretary Baker James Cauthen at Hong Kong. There

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Officers of the Convention are: President, Dr. W. E. Green; first vice-president, Rev. Reese Rogers; second vice-president, Ralph Hester; secretary, Rev. George Gay.

Reid Moore, minister of music, First Church, Jackson, will be in charge of all Convention music.

The program follows:

NOVEMBER 15, 1949

Tuesday Morning

9:00 Song: Reid Moore, Jackson; Scripture: L. I. Jones, State College; Prayer: O. B. Anderson, Long Beach.

9:10 Call to order, Recognition of registered messengers as constituting Convention.

9:15 Address of Welcome: W. Douglas Hudgins, Jackson.

9:25 Response to address of welcome: Bruce C. Aultman, Hattiesburg.

9:35 Special Music, Lamar Alexander, Pascagoula.

9:40 Report of Committee on Order of Business.

9:45 Announcement of Committee on Committees.

9:50 Recognition of visitors and new pastors.

10:15 President's message: Wm. Earl Green.

10:40 Report of Committee on Committees.

10:45 Brotherhood: W. R. Roberts.

11:05 Special Music: Mississippi Woman's College Choir.

11:15 Worship Hour: Annual Sermon: J. E. Barnes; Alternate: F. K. Horton.

Tuesday Afternoon

2:00 Song led by James Richardson, Magee; Scripture: Carroll Gartin, Laurel; Prayer: Sam W. Waggener, Centerville.

2:10 Reading of the minutes.

2:15 Final Report of Committee on Committees.

2:20 Presenting and Referring of Resolutions.

2:30 A City Mission Program: A. Marvin Sanders.

2:45 Evangelistic Address: Ellis Fuller.

3:00 American Bible Society: Paul B. Cooper.

3:40 Presenting and Referring of Convention Board Report.

3:50 Presenting and Referring of the Christian Education Report.

4:00 Presenting and Referring of the Social Service Report.

4:15 Temperance: W. L. Holcomb.

4:30 Baptist Book Store: Mrs. O. M. Jones.

4:40 Report of Committee Appointed to Study Charter of Education Commission (page 56).

5:00 All Committees meet. Convention suspended 'till evening hour.

Tuesday Evening

7:00 Song led by Lamar Alexander, Pascagoula; Scripture: R. Wayne Ousley, Meridian; Prayer: J. W. Oliver, Courtland.

7:10 State Missions: D. A. McCall.

7:55 Special Music: Mississippi College Choir.

8:10 Address on Home Missions: Perry Carter, Home Mission Board.

8:50 Adjourn.

NOVEMBER 16, 1949

Wednesday Morning

9:00 Song led by Reid Moore, Jackson; Scripture: Troy Mohon, Newton; Prayer: Donald Bennett, Carriere.

9:10 Reading of the minutes.

9:15 Report of Committee on Nominations for trustees of Baptist Foundation, and members of the Convention Board.

9:30 Baptist Orphanage: W. G. Mize.

9:45 Relief and Annuity: Joe T. Odle.

10:00 Report of Committee on Radio: A. L. Gatewood.

10:15 Special Music: Clarke College Choir.

10:30 Address on Cooperative Program:



NOLAN KENNEDY

Rev. Nolan M. Kennedy, Pastor of the Clinton Baptist Church; James Fancher, President of the Mississippi College BSU, and Charles M. Tolbert, BSU Secretary for Mississippi College, will help entertain and will appear on the program of the Mississippi BSU Convention, meeting at Mississippi College October 28-30.



JAMES FANCHER



CHARLES TOLBERT

Wm. P. Davis.

11:00 W. M. U.: Miss Edwina Robinson.

11:15 B. T. U.: Auber J. Wilds.

11:30 Sunday School: E. O. Williams.

11:45 Sunday School Board Representative: Joe Burton.

12:15 Adjourn.

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Wednesday Afternoon

2:00 Song led by W. S. Haynie, Jackson. Scripture: J. T. Grantham, Booneville.

2:10 Report of Committee to review Convention Board Report.

2:25 Evangelism and Stewardship: Martin J. Gilbert.

2:40 Report of Committee to Review Social Service.

2:55 Mississippi Baptist Hospital: Mrs. Karenza Gilfoy.

3:10 Baptist Memorial Hospital: E. D. Elliott.

3:25 Baptist Foundation: Leland Speed.

3:35 Baptist Record: A. L. Goodrich.

3:50 Report of Committee on Nominations of trustees of Mississippi Baptist Hospital, Baptist Memorial Hospital, Baptist Orphanage, Committee on Social Service, Aged Ministers, Temperance.

4:00 Baptist Student Union: Charles W. Horner.

4:15 Institutional Visitation: J. B. Parker.

4:30 Displaced Persons: M. Glenn Smith.

4:40 Report of Committee on Nominations for trustees of Mississippi College, Blue Mountain College, Mississippi Woman's College, Clarke Memorial College, and Board of Ministerial Education.

4:45 Election of Officers.

5:00 Adjourn.

Wednesday Evening

7:00 Song led by Harris D. Shinn, Jackson; Scripture: T. C. Sandifer, Brookhaven; Prayer: Phil J. Walker, Vicksburg.

7:10 Address: The Christian Home: Joe Burton.

7:40 Foreign Mission. Report: W. A. Bell.

8:00 Special Music: Blue Mountain College Choir.

8:15 Foreign Mission Board Representative: S. E. Maddox.

9:00 Adjourn.

NOVEMBER 17, 1949

Thursday Morning

9:00 Song led by Newell Massey, Durant; Scripture: Ralph Reeves, McComb; Prayer: Norris Hickman, Louisville.

9:10 Reading of the minutes.

9:20 Herbert L. Lang, Mississippi Baptist Seminary (Colored).

9:30 Report of Committee to Review

Christian Education.

9:50 Ten minute reports from Blue Mountain College, Clarke Memorial College, Mississippi College, Mississippi Woman's College.

10:30 Discussion of Christian Education.

11:00 Ten minute reports from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

11:20 Special Music, Quartet.

11:30 Address on Theological Education (Southwestern Seminary) Robert Calvin Guy.

12:00 Committee on Resolutions.

12:15 Baptist Historical Society: J. L. Boyd.

12:25 Committee on Time, Place, Preacher.

12:30 Adjourn.

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PREACHING FACTS OR FANCIES

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twenty years of labor, a telescope so powerful that it shows the new Jerusalem coming down from heaven.

Frankly, such information made my spine tingle. I thought if this is true, it will make terrific preaching. I considered using it in a message on the authority of its being printed in the magazine. But since it sounded so incredulous, my better judgment persuaded me to check on the facts. Therefore, I wrote to the California Institute of Technology, at Pasadena, which has charge of both Mt. Wilson and Mt. Palomar Observatories and received the following reply: "The 'square star' to which you refer, as far as we can determine, is but a figment of someone's imagination. Our astronomers at both Mt. Wilson and Mt. Palomar Observatories disclaim any knowledge of any such phenomenon, and we can find no basis for such a statement." Thus, a false story was exploded by a little investigation.

If preaching is to have power it must be based on fact, not fancy. Any story or statement that taxes our credulity should be carefully authenticated. The great Spurgeon said to his students: "Whenever I have the slightest suspicion about the truth of a story, I drop it at once."

Dr. Walter A. Maier, famous Lutheran Hour radio preacher, corroborates every fact used in his sermons. Sunday magazine once reported that Dr. Maier often spends as much as eighty dollars (long distance telephone or otherwise) to ascertain the truth of one fact which may require only ten seconds to be told on the air.

Of course, most preachers and speakers are not able to spend that

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nating Committee.

10:30—"When We Meet and What We Do": R. J. Sweetman, H. D. Jordan, Earl Edwards, Glen Eric Wiley, Carey Cox.

11:00—Theme Song.

11:05—"The Brotherhood's Part In The Evangelistic Crusade" by W. P. Davis.

11:30—Offering.

11:35—Special Music: W. C. Morgan.

11:40—Message by Ellis A. Fuller.

Monday Afternoon, November 14

2:00—Song.

2:15—"Southwide Objectives"—Carroll Gartin.

2:35—"Our Brotherhood Is Twenty Years Old"—S. R. Woodson.

2:45—"Our State Had Fifty-Three Brotherhoods"—Jimmy Street.

3:00—Report of Nominating Committee.

3:05—Offering.

3:15—Special Music.

3:15—"State Promotional Plans"—W. R. Roberts.

3:30—Address.

Monday Evening, November 14

7:00—Song. Special songs by Brotherhood Quartet Chorus.

7:25—Address—D. M. Nelson.

8:00—Theme Song.

8:05—Offering.

8:10—Brotherhood Quartet Chorus.

8:20—Address—Ellis A. Fuller.

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PRENTISS CHURCH MAKES SUMMARY OF YEAR'S WORK

The Prentiss Church had a total of 74 additions to the church during the closing associational year, 32 by baptism. On October 1, the church membership was 589.

The Sunday School enrollment is 554 and the Training Union enrollment, 147.

The financial report shows that a total of \$47,892 has been given to all causes, with \$7,589 given to missions.

The church property is valued at \$125,000; the total debt is \$9,131.

Rev. L. E. Green is the pastor.

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CALVARY CHURCH, WAYNESBORO, must be growing. Recently the Church Clerk, L. E. Holley, Sr., sent in thirty-eight additional names for the EVERY FAMILY list of that church. Rev. Virgil Ratcliff is the pastor.

much verifying facts and illustrations, but that is not necessary. A search in the study, a trip to the library, or a letter to the proper source with a self-addressed return envelope will in most cases suffice.

Mississippi Baptists — Your Secretary Says: "Love Never Fails." I Corinthians 13:8

TELEGRAPHIC NOTE

LEXINGTON, Kentucky, October 24, 1949—High Sunday morning experiences as fifteen walk aisles for Christ—twelve for baptism—in dynamic Calvary Church, Dr. Russell Purdy, the spiritual pastor. Capacity to overflow congregations to date. This church gave \$52,000 to missions last year. It is reported as second from the top in all Kentucky. Revival grows in interest and power. D. A. McCall preaching and Mel and Ruth Dribble leading the music.

ATTENTION: TREASURERS

October 31, as you know, is the close of our Convention year. Since October 31 comes on Monday, making it difficult for some churches and impossible for others to get remittances of their month's totals to this office, we are holding open the books through the mail Tuesday morning, closing them not later than noon that day.

ALL MONIES SHOULD BE IN THIS OFFICE BY NOON TUESDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 1. IF THEY ARE TO BE INCLUDED IN THE RECORDS FOR THIS YEAR.

I
We have before us the greatest audit we have ever seen. For a total of about fifteen years we have had to do with audits involving large monies. This one is the best. It is a ten year audit of Convention Board books. It was done by the firm of Sanford, Watkins and Mize, auditors and accountants, Jackson, Mississippi. We do not have to leave Mississippi to find honest, faithful, efficient workmen. I have not as yet found a mistake in it. It is a neatly done, beautifully bound copy of 151 pages. Best of all, to us it testifies in writing, over a signature of the top auditor on the job, to the faithful handling of the Lord's money.

More to follow but right now note these two paragraphs from page two: "COMMENTS RESPECTING RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS"

"A condensed summary of receipts and disbursements for the period under review is presented in schedule A-1. This statement reflects total receipts of \$9,178,626.56 and total disbursements of \$8,984,708.70, a difference of \$193,917.86, which when added to the balance on hand at February 1, 1939 of \$20,416.33, leaves a balance of \$214,334.19 at October 31, 1948. The receipts and disbursements are presented in detail in schedules A-1-a to A-1-j, inclusive.

"We made substantial tests of both cash receipts and disbursements for the period under review, and satisfied ourselves that such receipts and disbursements were properly accounted for in the general records. All supporting evidence, such as duplicate receipts, cash letters, cancelled checks and invoices requested by us, was furnished, with the exception of evidence supporting recorded receipts for the period ended October 31, 1939."

II
Warning: Mississippi Baptists should know that records clandestinely taken by a former staff member are being falsely used. You do not want to be a sucker. You do not want to hurt the work.

Positive proof No. I: Last spring that staff member with two companions came before the Executive Committee and some Convention officers presenting photostat copy purporting to show a staff member had received money for piloting the plane. Those present literally hooted aloud at the falsehood for about a year before it had been declared as being such. Those three knew it but still propagated the falsehood.

Positive proof No. II: Other individuals told Executive Committee officers and some Convention officers that they sat in with a few when similar false statements were made. These resented being deceived in the matter.

God's people propagate the truth!

III

In a Chicago paper we read the following lead to an Ad:

"Why are so many people Catholic? One of every three Chicagoans is a Catholic. One of every five Americans is a Catholic. One of every six human beings is a Catholic. 117,000 Americans became Catholic last year. 500,000 became Catholic in the last five years. Why?"

We are not commenting upon the authenticity of the figures. We are concerned over some things in our Baptist life. Baptists readily admit they were represented nearly 2,000 years ago in the River Jordan. Are we afraid to diagnose our situation? Why do we number only 25,000,000 (twenty five million) out of a total world population of well over 2,000,000,000 (two billion) and that after 1900 years of history. Where have we been all the time? What have we been doing? Have our failures to grow proportionately been mostly from outside opposition, or from sin within? Has the leadership not been big enough? Has the leadership been sinful—selfish? Has the failure been in the pew? Has our organization measured up? Have we been missionary? Have we been equal to the task in winning souls? Have we grown the Christian fellowship essential in the strength of the Christ-life? Have we had the unity to which the New Testament witnesses in the church life on Pentecost?

Does 25,000,000 represent the power of Christ in the world? Does it represent the power of the carnal man OVER the Christ-man?

Are the things to which we subscribe worth believing? Then why not believe them enough to do something about it all!

IV

"Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The Kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field: But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way. But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also. So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares? He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up? But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn." Matthew 13:24-30.

We have seldom seen it fail. When a church really gets to doing business for Christ, Satan attacks the preacher, a deacon, the Sunday School Superintendent, or brings about a first class church fuss. Time and time again we have seen the work of a dynamic church partially dismantled in this way.

The same is true with the denomination. Jesus said in the above parable "while men slept the enemy sowed tares."

While professed Christian people sleep, an institutional representative will go around over the state spreading poisonous gossip thus creating distrust.

While people are asleep, a Board Member will meddle in the business committed into the hands of somebody

else. Many of you do not know it is in the Bible but it is as follows, "tend to your own business." I Thessalonians 4:11.

"For we hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busybodies." II Thessalonians 3:11.

While men sleep, the secretary of a Foundation will spread gossip in Oklahoma, Kentucky, Mississippi, and so forth.

While men sleep, busybodies will fill important positions with kindred troublemakers.

Some church members will not attend church conferences, staying informed about the King's business. They will then misunderstand what was done and will criticize what was done.

Many Christians will not ask questions and thus stay informed about the work of Christ. They will then be blown about by every false word coming along on every passing breeze and consequently be destructive, critical of high and holy actions in the work of Christ.

There are some other practical exhortations in both of the epistles by Peter all of us should read!

V

In this work we have practiced a lot of economy in many different ways. This practice almost pinched us recently in the Mailing Department. When we took over the Baptist Record Business Management, we had either two or three addressographs for mailing. If we recall correctly, we had only twenty odd thousand and circulation. We now have 64,000 circulation. We also have seven addressographs. Four of them were purchased as secondhand machines at very low prices. We have used these for some years but two of the secondhand machines recently broke, leaving us quite short in this respect. We ordered two new machines but were told it would be November or December before they could be delivered. If anything should happen to prevent us getting these two machines, we would be in a pickle sure enough in the Mailing Department.

VI

There are those who through the years have told me:

"Keep quiet on the liquor issue,"

"Keep quiet on the lust issue,"

"Keep quiet on the lying issue,"

"Keep quiet on the Lord's Day issue."

"Keep quiet on robbing God."

Yes, Satan's crowd in the church and outside the church wants the preacher to keep quiet on various issues.

What is the preacher to do?

I intend doing what Micaiah did. See II Chronicles 18. The king wanted Micaiah to prophesy to please him.

"And Micaiah said, As the Lord liveth, even what my God saith, that will I speak." verse 13.

Shall we preach on courage and then turn and run in fear. Read all of Romans 11.

Shall we sing, "Dare to be a Daniel, dare to stand alone," and never, never do it?

VII

"And that because of false brethren unawares brought in, who came in privily to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage." Galatians 2:4.

"Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another." Ephesians 4:25.

"Some indeed preach Christ even of envy and strife; and some also of good will." Philippians 1:15.

"Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of the concision." Philippians 3:2.

"Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample. (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.)" Philippians 3:17-19.

"Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds;" Colossians 3:9.

"And that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you;" I Thessalonians 4:11.

"Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feeble-minded, support the weak, be patient toward all men." I Thessalonians 5:14.

"But the younger widows refuse: for when they have begun to wax wanton against Christ, they will marry; Having damnation, because they have cast off their first faith. And withal they learn to be idle, wandering about from house to house; and not only idle, but tattlers also and busybodies, speaking things which they ought not." I Timothy 5:11-13.

"To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, but gentle, shewing all meekness unto all men. For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another. But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared." Titus 3:2-4.

REPORTER AND EXECUTIVE IN HIGH SPIRITS

A top reporter contacted Dr. D. A. McCall, Executive Secretary, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board and interviewed him concerning his answers to various invitations. Dr. McCall assured him that during September he had enjoyed the first real vacation in many years and had greatly benefitted by it. He stated to the reporter that aside from preaching several times he had just rested. Dr. McCall said that those who knew him just knew he had to preach a bit.

The reporter asked, "Are you connected with any official position other than the Convention Board?" To this Dr. McCall replied, "I hold only one position and that is with the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. I have supplied some in the pulpit and over the radio as many ministers do on vacation."

The reporter further asked, "Are you on vacation now in October?" Dr. McCall laughed as he replied, "How could I be on vacation when in one

week in October I travelled 3,500 miles incident to making associations in Mississippi, and another week travelled 2,000 miles for the same reason. In addition to that, I am to be in a gracious revival with a great pastor and church in October."

The reporter persisted, "What are you going to do in November?"

Dr. McCall said, "I am going to be in Mississippi some good bit. Then, I am going to the Virginia Convention for two messages at their invitation. Finally, I hope to get some more vacation rest. During that time I will supply a pulpit for something like two or three Sundays."

The reporter queried, "What are your long time plans?"

With a twinkle in his eye and yet lines serious on his face, Dr. McCall said, "I hope to die and go to Heaven some of these days. Those are my long time plans. Come on and go with me!"

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Poor Though Rich

According to an Associated Press dispatch a 73 year old man in Union City, New Jersey, died of malnutrition. Malnutrition is a big word that simply means starvation. Police reported that he was probably worth \$500,000.

Police found cash and securities worth \$475,000 and papers indicating that he was also the owner of much valuable real estate.

Our first thought on reading this news item was "How foolish to starve to death with so much money at one's command." We have read of other cases where people starved in the midst of plenty but not often.

BUT we see the same thing occurring everyday in spiritual matters. All of us know of people who are neglecting the spiritual riches that God has for us.

The Apostle Peter mentioned an "inheritance which is uncorruptible, undefiled and that fadeth not away." Paul wrote of "the unsearchable riches of Christ." God has promised us that he will never leave us nor forsake us but many neglect to make use of the precious promises found in the Book.

It is foolish to die of starvation with thousands of dollars at our command. It is more foolish to refuse the riches of God's grace and die unforgiven and unsaved when Jesus died for us for "God so loved the WORLD that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

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Some Don'ts For Young Preachers

We are indebted to Dr. W. H. Baylor, pastor emeritus of Park View Baptist Church, Portsmouth, Virginia, for a very helpful booklet entitled, "Some Don'ts for Young Preachers." We wish it had come our way when we first entered the ministry.

Dr. Baylor has given us permission to use some of these

DON'TS in the Baptist Record. So as often as space can be found we will give some of his timely advice with the prayer that some preacher may be helped.

A free copy of the booklet will be sent to anyone who will write the author, Dr. W. H. Baylor, Homewood Apartments, Baltimore 18, Maryland.

DON'T LIVE BEYOND YOUR INCOME

Your income may be small and you will be tempted often to go into debt, but do not mortgage the future. Pay as you go. If you can't pay much, don't go far. Be careful about your financial obligations. A preacher who owes everybody has influence with nobody. Your credit as well as your character should have your careful and constant attention. Debt is the demon that often drives one to despair. Of course, churches do not always pay adequately and promptly, but never hide behind their sin to justify yours. Better have few things, than owe many people. The preacher who will not or does not pay his debts is discredited before the whole community. He must be as much above criticism and suspicion in his relation to his financial obligations as in his relation to women. Many will show you the easy road into debt, but you will have to discover alone the difficult way out.

DON'T BE A STINGY PARSON

The pastor who lives within his income will be in a better position to swell the income of the church. Teach your people by example how to give as well as how to live. Let no member of your church outstrip you in proportionate giving. Some may give more because they have more, but let no one give more because he is more generous. One can be generous and at the same time frugal. Of course, you will give liberally to all missionary and benevolent objects, but the pastor who does not contribute to current expenses because he does not want to seem to be helping pay his own salary, is really afraid of taking a little from his salary. Tithing is a sane, satisfactory and scriptural method which will help to solve many church financial problems. Preach and practice it!

DON'T FAIL TO SHOW APPRECIATION

When only one of the ten lepers cleansed by Jesus returned to give thanks, Jesus asked him, "Where are the nine?" This cured leper received a double blessing in that he was cleansed spiritually also, so do we receive larger rewards who go through life with an appreciative spirit. Preachers are so used to having nice things said to them and generous things done

for them, that many fail to rightly appraise all this. There should be a word of thanks or a letter of appreciation for the kindly word or deed, and this should be done promptly. Many a word or letter has lost its value because of delay. The motto, "Do it Now" constantly followed, will save much embarrassment. It will help much to read often Margaret Sangster's poem, "The Sin of Omission," and learn to do the kind and thoughtful thing promptly. Do be appreciative!

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S-A-L-T

Salt is cheap in price but very necessary in our every day living. Food without the proper amount of salt tastes flat. Jesus was fond of comparing Christians to the simple everyday things of life. On one occasion he said, "Ye are the salt of the earth." That sounds like a simple statement but there is much more to it than at first appears.

Rev. Thurman Sone, former Mississippi pastor and now pastor at Benson, N. C., recently wrote an article for his home-town paper on the subject of salt. We share that article, in part, with our readers:

Jesus designated His followers as being salt, and told them if the salt loses its savour, it is good for nothing but to be cast out and to be trodden under the foot of man. The people to whom He spoke knew the significance of such a statement. They had tasted savourless salt and knew that it was valueless.

How true this is of a person in the Christian life. If a Christian loses his savour for Christ, he is the most valueless person in the world. I know of no greater hindrance to the kingdom of God than a Christian who has lost his influence, testimony and power. He is good for nothing to the Church, to the kingdom of God, or to the lost world. Christians are to be the salt of the earth in every respect.

Salt has preserving power. Many farmers pack fresh meat in salt to preserve it throughout the year. Christians today are to preserve the world from corruption by their stand for righteousness, their fight against sin, and their loyalty to Christ.

Salt flavors or adds taste to food; it makes things better. There are many kinds of food that are unfit to eat, as far as taste is concerned, if no salt has been added. Christians today are to be as salt in this respect and give flavor to the world. This world should be a better place to live because of your presence in it. It is a tragedy today that so many

Christians contribute nothing to the well-being of society, and no one knows whether they are Christians or not. What kind of salt are you?

Salt is antiseptic and has healing power. It is used by doctors and dentists for medical purposes because it kills impurities and aids in the healing. Should not Christians act as salt in this respect before a sin-sick, impure, unholy world? Yes, we should be pure ourselves and seek the purification of those whom we contact daily.

Salt has lifting power. The Salt Sea or Dead Sea illustrates this truth. The body of an individual will not sink in this sea but will remain on top of the water. There are so many chemicals and so much salt in this sea that the body will not stay under. Should not Christians have such lifting power in the world of sin, and help lift the world closer to God and His way of living?

Finally, salt makes one thirsty. Much water is desired to quench thirst after eating salty food. In this respect Christians should make the world thirsty for the Water of Life. If Christians would live as Jesus commanded them to live, the world would become more thirsty for the refreshing waters of eternal life. May these truths challenge us to take our places as the salt of the earth and live to fulfill our mission, that of blessing others.

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Selected Editorial

This Is Hard To Explain

A press report in the New York Times for August 21 stated that because there had been no indication that the Communist government in Hungary would hold the traditional ceremonies in honor of St. Stephen, patron saint of the country, the Voice of America would broadcast observances that day. The material to be broadcast, it was reported, would include recordings of a mass in honor of St. Stephen, celebrated in St. Patrick's cathedral by Monsignor Bela Varga, former speaker of the Lower House of the Hungarian Parliament, with Francis Cardinal Spellman presiding. Parts of the sermon by Rev. Emory Lengyel were also to be beamed to Hungary during the 3 p. m. broadcasting period. St. Stephen is reported to have "ruled Hungary as its first Christian king for thirty-eight years, beginning in A. D. 1000." The Voice of America radio broadcast is paid for by the United States State Department, whose expenses come from the taxes of the American people. Undoubtedly, many would like to ask under what power or authority the State Department authorizes the beaming of a Roman Catholic mass into a foreign country whose domestic politics are in confusion at the present time because of political and social strife between the government and the Roman Catholic hierarchy.

GOING PLACES

By A. L. GOODRICH

PONTOTOC ASSOCIATION

What was said to be the largest crowd in the history of the Pontotoc County Association was present at the opening session of the Pontotoc County Association at West Heights Church, Pontotoc. The second day sessions were held with Toccopola Church.

Officers elected were Willis Mounce, moderator; Dr. Y. H. Reid, and Rev. C. C. Hodges, vice-moderator; Dr. M. A. Shannon, Treasurer; T. M. Wingo, clerk.

The Association voted to cooperate in the 1951 Simultaneous Evangelistic Campaign. It also voted to have a campaign in 1950 to prepare for the campaign in 1951.

Resolutions of commendation were passed for Gov. Wright's recent action on the liquor question.

Rev. James C. Monroe, pastor of the First Church, Pontotoc was elected as a member of the Convention Board.

Bellvue and Carey Springs were chosen as meeting sites for the 1950 association.

Resolutions were adopted:

1. Thanking God for his manifold blessings of the past year;

2. Thanking West Heights and Toccopola churches for their fine hospitality;

3. Commending Governor Wright for his stand on prohibition and for his recent action in condemning one of his colonels for unfair use of his title as colonel;

4. Commending the Pontotoc Progress (county paper) for generous weekly space for associational activities;

5. Commending county missionary R. B. Patterson for his splendid work.

Baptist Record subscribers are now listed in Pontotoc County as follows: Algama, 53; Bellevue, 19; Cherry Creek, 48; Ecu, 5; Endville, 32; Furrs, 33; Longview, 70; Pontotoc, 199; Shady Grove, 1; Thaxton, 3; Toccopola, 30; Toxish, 24; Turnpike, 2; Valley Grove, 10; West Heights, 27; Zion, 18.

HINDS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Hinds county Baptists in annual session reelected the Rev. W. Lowrey Compere, pastor of Northside church, as moderator. They chose Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins of Jackson's First Baptist church, to deliver the 1950 association sermon.

And the session, held at Parkway Baptist church, heard reports of progress made on all fronts in Baptist endeavor the past church year.

The associational sermon was delivered by the Rev. Wayne Todd, pastor of Daniels Memorial church, who told his hearers that the "greatest need of our day is a revival. Our greatest mission is Missions" he emphasized.

With the admission of Immanuel Church in Bullard Hills, the association roster was swelled to 33 churches. In the 32 churches enrolled and reporting, the following figures were compiled:

Total membership 22,322; baptisms in year 651; Sunday School enrollment 14,308; Training Union enrollment 4,779; Woman's Missionary Union enrollment 2,725; value of all church properties \$3,097,394.61; gifts to all causes \$836,547.98; gifts for local budgets and building funds \$672,523.46.

Reports from various institutions

TO SPEAK AT STATE BSU CONVENTION



DR. HOWARD E. SPELL



DR. A. DONALD BELL

From the faculty of Mississippi College, where the State BSU Convention is to be held October 28-30, Dr. Howard E. Spell, Dean of the College, and Dr. A. Donald Bell, Professor of Psychology and Director of Public Relations, will appear on the Convention program.

heard including Dr. I. E. Rouse for Woman's College; M. P. L. Berry for Mississippi College; W. E. Green for Clarke College; Mrs. Crawley for Blue Mountain and Prof. Lang for the colored seminary.

Mrs. Karenza Gilfoy, hospital superintendent, said the Baptist Hospital had taken care of 9,918 patients in the nine months of 1949, coming from every single county in Mississippi and two states of the Union.

For the Baptist Orphanage, Mrs. W. G. Mize reported the school building program nearing completion. One new child enters the home each week, she said, on an average.

Mrs. Lewis Yarbrough made the Training Union report; Daunie Jean Nettles, the Baptist Record report; Charles Horner, the Student Union report; Dr. H. M. Harris, the Foreign Mission report and Rev. Wm. P. Davis the State Mission report.

In elections, under a new constitution adopted, Rev. Thurmond Booth of Terry was elected assistant moderator and E. L. Herring of Jackson was reelected clerk and treasurer. Henry Edmonds of Jackson was made chairman of the Finance Committee and Dr. Hudgins chairman of the Missions Committee. Rev. H. A. Milner of Van Winkle was reelected to the State Board. Dr. W. A. Hewitt, pastor emeritus of the First church, led the memorial prayer for the 97 members deceased since the last meeting.

Hinds County Record readers are now listed as follows: Alta Woods, 44; Bethesda, 58; Beulah, 49; Bolton, 25; Byram, 41; Chapel Hill, 39; Clinton, 230; Edwards, 32; Elaine, 59; Jackson, Calvary, 1146; Daniel Memorial, 184; Jackson, Davis Memorial, 120; Jackson, Immanuel, 49; Jackson, First, 1044; Jackson, Griffith Memorial, 2; Jackson, Northside, 329; Jackson, Parkway, 547; Jackson, Van Winkle, 259; Jackson, West, 31; Jackson, Southside, 122; Learned, 18; Leavell Woods, 9; Midway, 25; Mississippi College BSU, 72; Mt. Morgan, 16; New Haven, 32; Old Byram, 14; Palestine, 9; Pocahontas, 25; Raymond, 81; Salem, 30; Forest Hill, 65; Terry, 134; Utica, 75.

ALCORN ASSOCIATION

The Alcorn County Association met at Union Church, with every church in the association represented. The program was well prepared and the Baptist Record had a good place on the morning program. Several sub-

scriptions were received during the day.

A bounteous lunch was served by the ladies of the host church.

The following officers were elected: Rev. H. B. Speights, moderator; Rev. Earl Warford, assistant moderator; Levi Ayers, clerk; J. A. Spear, treasurer.

Following the report of Rev. E. E. Neill, Tishomingo County Associational missionary, on mission work in his county, the Alcorn Association voted to secure a missionary worker for the Alcorn Association.

The 1950 meeting of the association will be held at Kemp's Chapel, beginning at 2 p. m., September 21, and continuing through the 22nd.

Record readers in Alcorn County are now listed as follows: Corinth, First, 16; Corinth, Tate Street, 141; Glendale, 2; Hinkle Creek, 45; Holly, 2; Kemps Chapel, 1; Kossuth, 32; Lovejoy, 1; Mt. Hebron, 1; Rienzi, 44; Tishomingo Chapel, 1; West Corinth, 103; Union, 15; County Line, 2.

ENLARGED PLANS FOR

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are 41 missionaries in Shanghai and environs, 20 in and around Canton, four at Bangkok, six at Macao, six at Hong Kong, two on Formosa, and 19 in the Philippines. "China missionary homes have not been molested and the missionaries go about the Communist-occupied cities freely," the report continued.

Japanese Work Ahead Of Prewar Status

Dr. Cauthen reported after a survey of Japan that the Board's mission in Kyushu and Honshu has already surpassed its prewar status. Although Southern Baptists have never had more than 17 missionaries under appointment for Japan at any one time, today they have 38. The men's college has been raised to university status with co-educational programs, and the school for young women is a teacher-training institution. A Baptist hospital in Hiroshima, the first medical institution of the Board in Japan, was approved. At the invitation of the Japan Baptist Convention, the Board authorized a preaching mission to Japan next spring, to permit 20 Southern Baptist preachers to spend a month or more visiting the 18 Baptist churches and numerous preaching centers. "Our over-all mission strategy now," according to the report, "is to place a missionary couple in each of the 40 prefectural

capitals on Kyushu and Honshu."

The Board also authorized a year's study of the opportunity for Baptist missions in Korea.

Dr. Ralph Herring, Winston-Salem pastor, and member of the Board, who toured South America this year stressed the need for developing native leadership and the obligation of missions to use the radio in evangelistic work. Rev. Henry W. Schweinsberg, a native of Australia, former missionary to Bolivia, now senior missionary of the Board in Colombia reported on an intensive survey of Ecuador and Peru as new Baptist mission fields. The Board adopted the committee's recommendation that the possibility of sending missionaries to these two Latin American republics be seriously considered. "We must build into the new society of South America a concept of true Christianity," Dr. Everett Gill, Jr., secretary for Latin America, said.

Opportunities in Palestine require a stronger missionary staff, declared Dr. George W. Sadler, secretary for Africa, Europe and the Near East, reporting by air mail from Zurich. That mission now has 15 missionaries, 11 of whom are women, "and in an area where the status of womanhood is so low, the prestige of the mission makes it imperative that we send more men to the Near East."

Dr. Frank K. Means, secretary of the Board's relief committee, reported that the clothing warehouse operated in New Orleans since January 1, 1948, has processed 3,750,000 pounds of used clothing in twenty-one months. The center will be closed December 15. The committee adopted a goal of 1,200 D.P. family units to resettle in the Southern states, under the direction of Charles R. Gage of New Orleans.

14 New Missionaries Appointed

The Board appointed 14 new missionaries for lifetime service overseas, making a total of 704 lifetime missionaries and ten missionaries on short terms. The goal for the Board's advance program is 1,750 missionaries.

The new appointees, seven couples, include seven ordained ministers. All but two of the fourteen are from Texas. They are as follows:

William Judson Blair and Dorothy Rose Sullivan Blair of Fort Worth, Tex., for Argentina, where Mr. Blair was born of missionary parents.

Julius Raht Hickerson, Jr., and Vivian Dunn Hickerson of Dallas, Tex., for Colombia.

Stanley Proctor Howard, Jr., and Patsy Ruth McGee Howard of Waco, Tex., for Japan.

Joe Carl Johnson and Colene Richards Johnson of Dallas, Tex., for North Brazil.

Boyd Allen O'Neal and Irma Edna Schneider O'Neal of Stephenville, Tex., for North Brazil.

Herman Sandford and Juanita Dadsford of Plainview, Tex., and Wichita, Kansas, for Nigeria, West Africa.

Blainard Elmo Scoggin and Hannah Belle Pearlman Scoggin of Canal Point, Fla., and Chesnee, S. C., for Palestine.

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THE REPORT OF FIRST CHURCH, Winona, to the association states that a total of \$3,075 was given to the Co-operative Program during the past year; the grand total of mission offerings, \$4,629, and the grand total to all purposes, \$17,307. There were 92 additions to the church, 36 by baptism. Rev. C. B. Hamlett, III, is the pastor.

Sparks & Splinters

RECENTLY WHITE SAND CHURCH in Jeff Davis County called the present pastor, Rev. Robert L. Lee, for the coming year, and elected church officers as follows: Sunday School Superintendent, Tommie Burrow; Sunday School Secretary, Mrs. Charlene Riley; Training Union Director, Mrs. Tommie Burrow; Treasurer, Ezra Garner; Clerk, John Hayman; Chorister, James Slater; Pianist, Katherine Mullins; Janitor, S. A. Polk; Reporter, Mrs. Curtis T. Bass.

FLORIDA'S GOAL, THROUGH THE Cooperative Program, from September 1, 1948-October 1, 1949, was \$677,629.24. They **SURPASSED THAT GOAL!** The Cooperative Program receipts for this period were \$697,550.31. Designated gifts amounted to \$434,158.15. Thus, they had a grand total of \$1,170,000.49 from 903 churches in Florida. This has been Florida's greatest year. They have had almost perfect cooperation from pastors and churches.

ON THURSDAY NIGHT, OCTOBER 21, the Clarke College Chorus presented a program at Fernanthy in Jasper County. Rev. T. L. Everett is the pastor of the community church. After the songs that were rendered by the chorus, there were two special features, George Dukes, baritone, sang "Stranger of Galilee," and a mixed quartet consisting of Elaine Dunn, Lerline White, George Dukes, and Pete Steelman sang "Have Thine Own Way, Lord."

THE PASTOR OF A NORTH CAROLINA country church, J. W. Suttle, has been elected by the Sunday School Board to fill out the term on the Board caused by J. S. Hopkins moving to another state. Franklin Segler, Louisiana, has been named to the place of L. T. Hastings, who has moved to Kentucky.

THE HERMENIAN LITERARY SOCIETY has completed the election of officers and has held the first program with Dr. D. M. Nelson as the featured speaker. The newly elected officers are as follows: President, James Wasson, Vicksburg; Vice-President, Ewilda Trenor, Louisville; Secretary, Mary Elizabeth Montgomery, Canton; Treasurer, Mary Catherine Lowry, Memphis; Reporter, Frank Maxwell, Memphis; Critic, Martha Maxwell, Memphis; Chaplain, Charles Gentry, Baldwin; Sergeant at Arms, Dwight Young, Clinton; Social Chairman, Jimmy Pittman, Greenwood. The two literary societies, the Hermenian and the Philomathean, have been great rivals since last century. They feature debating and public speaking. They are usually about evenly divided in size and the friendly rivalry has helped to produce the fine college spirit for which Mississippi College is famous.

Brethren, Listen

If you plan to attend one of the District Brotherhood Conferences, please do not neglect writing the host how many to prepare meals for from your church. There will be an overflow crowd at each meeting and it will be absolutely necessary to know in advance how many people to prepare meals for.

DAMASCUS CHURCH IN ADAMS-FRANKLIN Association has elected officers for the coming year as follows: clerk, Thomas Barfoot; secretary-treasurer, Earl Russell; choir director, Howard Barfoot; pianist, Mrs. Luna Smith; assistant pianist, Betty Lou Wroten; Sunday School superintendent, Jessie Smith; Sunday School secretary, Mary Alice Watts; teachers: Bilbo Smith, Mrs. Lela Stroud, Mrs. L. A. Wroten, Mrs. John Russell, Mrs. Robert Tinsley, Mrs. Earl Russell; Ushers, David Wilson and J. C. Huffman; reporter, Mrs. Sam Barfoot. Rev. L. C. Brown is the pastor.

DR. A. MACK PARISH, EXECUTIVE secretary of the West Kentucky Baptist Hospital, died October 8 in Paducah. Dr. Selsus A. Tull has been asked to succeed him.

THE CLINTON CHURCH INCLUDED the following facts in its letter to the association: Total membership, 1885; total resident members, 922; total additions during year, 313; baptisms, 36; Sunday school enrollment, 859; Training Union enrollment, 383; W. M. U. enrollment, 250. Total gifts during the year were \$48,133, of which \$21,566 was for missions.

A TEN-DAY REVIVAL AT THE SECOND Avenue Church, Laurel, will begin on November 3. Rev. M. D. Morton of Crystal Springs will do the preaching. The Crystal Springs Church had more additions by baptism last year than any other church in Mississippi. The song leader for the revival will be Rev. Troy Prince, a native of Laurel, a member of the Clarke College faculty, and the pastor of Sharon Church in Jones county. Rev. J. H. Street is the pastor.

RETURN MISSIONARY SPEAKS: ON Friday, October 21, the Rev. James Fairchild, who has recently returned from Brazil, spoke in the chapel exercises at Clarke College. Describing the conditions that exist in Brazil, he told of the poverty of the majority of the people. The Baptists are trying to help both the rich and the poor. Two thousand boys attend one of the schools supported by the Baptists and almost an equal number of girls attend similar schools. Among the many interesting things that he said about the Baptists in Brazil was this statement: "In Rio de Janeiro the mother church has established ten daughter churches; thus, she has reached 3,000 people. This should be an inspiring challenge to the church 'back home.'" Rev. Fairchild returned to the United States because his son was not adaptable to the tropical climate. At present he is pastor of the First Baptist Church in Louisville, Mississippi.

DR. SELSUS E. TULL, FORMERLY pastor of the First Baptist Church of Paducah, Kentucky, has returned to that city to carry on the promotional work formerly done by Dr. A. Mack Parrish for the West Kentucky Baptist Memorial Hospital. W. A. Blackburn, president of the Board of Trustees of the hospital has announced that Dr. Tull would take up his duties October 1, coming to Kentucky from Pine Bluff, Ark., where he has resided since his retirement.

RALEIGH, N. C., OCTOBER—AN- nouncement is made today by Meredith College president Carlyle Campbell of the appointment of Dr. Edwin S. Preston, former president of Cumberland University in Lebanon, Tenn., as Director of Public Relations at Meredith College. Dr. Preston will assume his duties at the 50-year-old Baptist College for women on November 1. (Editor's Note: Meredith is the Baptist Woman's College for North Carolina.)

WE WILL HAVE A BAND OF SOUL winners meeting each Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock to take the name of one or two persons, and then go forth in an effort to win them to Christ. This is the first work of any church. This is the chief responsibility and greatest privilege of any Christian. Are you willing for the Lord to use you? Be one to win one.—From the bulletin of Highland Church, Meridian.

ESCATAWPA CHURCH IN JACKSON County had 63 enrolled in Training Union study course in which the Union Manual was taught. Rev. Zeno Wells, pastor at East Moss Point, taught the adults; H. Simpson, of First Church, Pascagoula, the Intermediates and Young People; Mrs. W. Harrell, the Juniors.

FIRST CHURCH, MERIDIAN, DR. Norman W. Cox, pastor, has adopted an overall goal of \$100,000 for the coming year. Of this amount \$40,195 is for current operations and expenses. The total mission goal is \$22,720 which is an increase of \$1,200 over the previous year. The building fund goal is \$37,085.

Main Street Church Loses Educational Director, Ray Going To Greensboro



S. C. RAY

REV. JAMES B. RAY WHO FORM- erly served as pastor of various churches in Mississippi is now the pastor of Mountain Creek Church, Route 5, Greenville, South Carolina. The church has a membership of 674 and a Sunday School enrollment of 600 with property valued at \$100,000.

THE BAPTIST RECORD APPRECI- ates a copy of the AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF GEORGE HOWARD (G. H.) ALFORD. Some of His Writings and Speeches and a chapter on the Alford family. The book is well written, paper bound and contains 104 pages.

REV. GEORGE S. JARMAN, FOR- merly pastor at Rienzi, Baldwin and Ruleville, as just closed a revival at his present pastorate in Barlow Kentucky, in which Rev. Hobart B. Ford did the preaching. There were ten additions. The Barlow Church has just completed a two-story educational building which provides for 450 in Sunday School. Mr. Jarman is beginning his sixth year as pastor there.

S. C. Ray, educational director of the Main Street Church of Hattiesburg, has submitted his resignation to accept the position of educational director of the First Church of Greensboro, North Carolina.

Mr. Ray came to Main Street Church in May of 1946 after his release from the army. During the three and one half years he has served this church as educational director all phases of the church program have grown. The number of Sunday School departments have grown from 13 to 19. The number of Training Union departments has grown from five to ten.

Mr. Ray helped to organize and served as first president of the Mississippi Baptist Religious Education Association. At the present time he is serving as vice-president of the state Training Union Convention. He has appeared on programs of the state Sunday School and Training Union conventions.

Dr. John E. Barnes, pastor of the Main Street Church says, "In the departure of Mr. Ray, the Main Street Church is losing one of the best educational directors in the South. Never have we been associated with a man of finer spirit and deeper devotion to the cause of Christ. As he goes to his new field of service, we bid him God-speed and pray for his continued success in the work of our Master."

The pastor of the First Church of Greensboro is Dr. Claud Bowen, formerly pastor of the Calvary Church in Jackson. Mr. Ray was associated with Dr. Bowen as educational director of the Calvary Church in 1941 and 1942.

NOTICE TO TREASURERS

Effective in November, as we start a new convention year, checks coming to the Convention Board offices made out to individuals in their various capacities will be returned. Checks should be made out to:

**Convention Board
Baptist Record
Ministers Retirement, etc.**

according to the object involved.

The reason is due to a handful of troublemakers who have persistently sought to embarrass workers and to hinder the work of Christ in order to get what they want.

I regret this inconvenience to you. Jesus had His hinderers. John the Baptist had his hinderers. Nehemiah had his hinderers. Paul had his hinderers. They are not new.

The Bookkeeping Department, the best Mississippi Baptists have ever had as a whole, will continue in the faithful handling of the Lord's money.

Thank you, fine treasurers, always for your noble spirit and great service in His Name.

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NEW SUPERINTENDENTS

Many schools change superintendents at the beginning of the new year, October 1. We want to keep our list of superintendents up-to-date, but unless some one informs us of these changes we cannot know it.

Therefore, if your school has a new superintendent for this year, please send us a card and give the name and address of the new superintendent. That will help us a great deal, and we shall be so very grateful.

NEW YEAR GOALS

The first of the new year is a good time to set goals. Goals that are both worthy and yet attainable are the best ones. Goals help us to do more because they keep our minds focused on the more worthy aims in the work.

So, at the beginning of this new year, set some good aims and goals to strive to attain unto. And then work hard to reach them.

AN EXPANDING BIBLE TEACHING PROGRAM

One of the points in our new year's program is just that: An Expanding Bible teaching Program.

Well, that is surely hitting at the right spot because Teaching is the primary purpose of the school. That is the one big aim and purpose of the whole thing.

This expanding Bible teaching program for this year includes five parts, as follows:

1. An Enriched Sunday Morning Session. The idea here is for the officers and teachers to so plan, work, pray, outline, study, and train that the Sunday morning sessions will be the very richest and fullest that we can make them. In other words, make Sunday's sessions count for the most.

2. A Vacation Bible School. Every church should have a Vacation Bible school for the boys and girls, and for two weeks if possible. It is very doubtful if a church can promote anything that will count for more, for the same length of time, than a good Vacation school.

The boys and girls like it, and the results are tremendous. So, start now to planning for that Vacation school in 1950.

3. January Bible Study Week. This year the book is Acts. Last year it was John's Gospel, and the year before it was Ephesians.

And in what finer way can we begin the new calendar year than by having the church come together each night for a week and spend the time studying some book in God's Word?

The testimonies that have come as to the blessings of such a week these last two years have been many and inspiring. We should begin early to plan for such a week during January.

4. Using Bible Books In The Training Course. During the year use one or more of the Bible books that are in the regular Sunday school training course. They are fine and will surely give valuable aid in a better Bible study program.

5. Daily Family Bible Study. This point aims at the vital spot of the home, where we learn our first and most lasting lessons. Try to visualize

the blessings that would be to our land if thousands of additional families would have daily family Bible study. That is the objective involved in this point of this great program.

So, Sunday School Leaders, here is a program large enough for any one. It certainly has challenge sufficient to call out the best we have. Therefore, let's give it our best this year and see just what we can do in this business of expanding Bible teaching and study to the most people possible.

100 PERCENT AGAIN

Again every Association in Mississippi has reported Sunday school training awards.

Surely, this is exactly what it should be every year, but it has not been easy to reach this goal. For the last several years we have made this good record.

To every pastor, superintendent, officer, teacher, associational leader, educational director, and all others who have helped in this great training program we are indeed grateful.

Let's reach MORE churches this year with this helpful program than ever before.

—BR—
JESSE LEE CAVER

WHEREAS, in the providence of our Heavenly Father, the hand of death has touched with icy fingers Mr. Jesse Lee Caver, a faithful member of the First Baptist Church of Poplarville, and an empty seat in the auditorium of our church speaks to us of the solemn truth that in the midst of life we are in death; and,

WHEREAS, in the passing of Brother Caver, our church has lost a faithful deacon and the honored and trusted treasurer of the church, and our hearts are saddened by the unexpected passing of a highly trusted and respected great-souled Christian citizen—a good man. Good in his upright walk; good in his beneficence and unselfishness; and good in all that makes one loved and respected in a religious atmosphere and in a Christian community; and,

WHEREAS, the deacons and members of our church desire not merely to do honor to the memory of a deceased brother deacon and church official, but to pay a tribute of respect to one whom we regarded with all the feelings and sentiments of a warm and generous friendship; and,

WHEREAS, notwithstanding he was the object of so much love and esteem, his friends could not hold him back from the chilling embrace of death; and now that our church has come, so to speak, to lay the last green sod upon his grave, may we not pray that his devoted wife, his one manly and affectionate son, his relatives and friends, who leaned upon him here, and whom he cared for with such unexampled love and tenderness, may find, as they continue life's journey, that though the way may seem longer and lonelier than heretofore, it will still be smoothed and cheered by fellow-travelers, who, in all that constitute a generous manhood and kindly heart, are neither more nor less than such as was our sincere, earnest and true Christian friend, Jesse L. Caver; therefore,

RESOLVED, That if, it be true, in the other life, we shall know and enjoy the glorious and satisfying fellowship of those whom we knew and loved here, then our beloved deacon, our kindly friend and Christian brother, Jesse L.

Department of Temperance Activities

W. L. HOLCOMB, Director
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MRS. W. S. MANSKER, Office Secretary

Often times we have called attention to the fact that those who deal in alcoholic beverages are exploiting the youth of the land. Our emphasis has not been far fetched. Immediately after the repeal of the 18th amendment the following statement appeared in *Brewers Digest*, "We must train up a drinking youth." They have not deceived the public. Their action is open and brazen, and they are spending 150 millions of dollars annually in advertising alone.

For a long time the manufacturers and sellers of alcoholic beverages have been trying to put liquor and beer in every home. They would stoop to anything to accomplish their desired end, namely, to lead our boys and girls into the habit of drinking.

One of the most recent revealing and shocking appeared in a Massachusetts newspaper. They are even stressing "BABIES OF DISTINCTION." Their statement follows: "A beer manufacturer is promoting the sale of a beverage with a low alco-

holic content for children. With this exception, its package, label, etc., closely resemble real beer in every respect." When they stoop to this sort of thing, it is time for every father and mother in the nation to rise up as a man and say down with the bloody monster strong drink. Every true Christian should take an open and above board stand against this evil. It is an outlaw by nature. Every lover of boys and girls and of the home dare not compromise here.

A STATEMENT FROM
DR. HUGH A. BRIMM

"WILL YOU HELP? In the preparation of a report on liquor advertising the writer needs your help.

Will you take time to clip from your local newspaper and magazine some of the advertising for whiskey, wine or beer?"

Please mail them to:

DR. HUGH A. BRIMM
Social Service Commission
2825 Lexington Road
Louisville 6, Ky.

LEE BTU ASSOC. ELECTS

The Lee County Training Union Association met at Bissell Church on October 16, with Director Fred W. Davis presiding. Rev. G. T. Ford gave the devotional with an emphasis on missions. Second Church, Tupelo, had charge of the music and Priceville Intermediate union gave a pantomime on the seven keys that opened the gates for Christianity in China.

The following associational officers were elected for the year: Fred W. Davis, director; Joe Sharp, associate-director; Betty Renshaw, secretary; J. T. Pettigrew, chorister; Irvin Parks, Adult leader; Marcus Kelly, Young People's leader; Mrs. D. F. Ray, Intermediate leader; Miss Ruth Harwood, Junior leader; Mrs. G. W. Ruth, Story Hour leader; H. E. Worley, reporter; and Rev. C. E. Patch, pastor adviser.

The attendance award was presented to Nettleton and Birmingham Churches, the efficiency banner to the Intermediate Union of Sherman with a grade of 93 percent.

The next meeting will be at the Sherman Church November 6 at 2 p. m. when five state workers will be present.

Attendance by churches follows: Belden, 41; Birmingham, 48; Bissell, 41; Nettleton, 57; Plantersville, 3; Priceville, 40; Saltillo, 26; Shannon, 6; Sherman, 17; Calvary, 14; East Tupelo, 2; First Church, 5; Harrisburg, 12; Second Church, 31; Verona, 8, and five visitors.

Caver, is enjoy pleasant communings in his new home and awaits with patient longing the coming of those whom he loved and left behind.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, That the Church Clerk transmit these resolutions to The Baptist Record for publication, and record the same in the Minutes of the proceedings of our church; and,

RESOLVED, FURTHER, That the family of our deceased brother be furnished a copy of these proceedings.

First Baptist Church
of Poplarville,
H. K. ROWE,
Church Clerk



DR. O. P. ESTES

WHEREAS, Dr. O. P. Estes spent many years in consecrated christian work in our midst and

WHEREAS, his noble deeds and sincere desire to serve his fellowman through his good office as pastor of our church, won for him the everlasting love and respect of all who knew him; and

WHEREAS, his fine leadership, his gracious poise and dignified approach to every spiritual and civic problem is worthy of emulation by each and every one, and

WHEREAS, his death has caused a cloud of sorrow over our city,

THEREFORE, be it resolved that we, the members of the First Baptist Church of Picayune pay this tribute of respect to his memory; that we acknowledge and testify to his great leadership in the field of Christian endeavor, and be it further

RESOLVED, that in our hearts there is a loneliness occasioned by his death, and that his presence in the church; in our homes and on the streets is sadly missed.

Respectfully submitted,
J. R. FURR,
R. R. WATTS,
J. R. STUART,
Committee

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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT has reported 17,001 awards for September. The Training Union Department reports 30,179 awards, compared with 26,834 in 1948.

ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION ENDANGERS HOLY WEDLOCK

Both Protestants And Catholics Point Out Attendant Dangers

"Therefore shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh." Genesis 2:24. Here we have God perfecting the first marriage! Read Genesis 1:28.

"We learn from the history of our Saviour, that He honored a marriage festival with His presence, and wrought there the beginning of His miracles." In these or similar words, wedding ceremonies have been consummated through the years.

There always have been those who would drag down to a low plane this sacred union. Today we have an occasional preacher who boldly proposes artificial insemination. May God help us!

Here is the general course of artificial insemination as between people. (You know probably that it has been practiced between animals for a long time.) A husband is sterile—incapable of being father to a child. The wife wants a child. By laboratory or artificial methods, the micro-organisms (of life) are from the body of a man, not her husband, injected into her reproductive organs. A child is born, but not of the husband.

By the same logic, a wife is barren—cannot be the mother of her child. Does that give the husband, who desires a child, the right to become a father with a woman other than his wife?

"Awake! Awake!" Isaiah 52:1. Mississippi Baptists need to awake to things that are coming in upon them that will destroy priceless values—home, marriage, the Bible, the church, the ordinances, the right of the individual to stand before God.

The denomination cannot rob the individual of his spiritual freedom!

The church cannot rob the individual of his spiritual freedom!

A little group cannot rob the individual of his spiritual freedom!

The choicest right is the right to do right! Take the word of God! It is right!

"And Asa did that which was right in the eyes of the Lord." I Kings 15:11. I Kings 22:43. II Kings 11:17. II Kings 12:2. II Kings 14:3. II Kings 18:3-7. II Kings 22:2.

I

"But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and

went his way." Matthew 13:25.

It is reported that modernism is making inroads into our Mississippi Baptist life—denying the verbal inspiration of the Scriptures—practising alien immersion—teaching artificial insemination—destroying spiritual democracy.

Satan does his work artfully. He does it while God's people are asleep in the head! He is very suave about it!

God's people need to arouse themselves before the battle is lost as it has been lost in other places!

III

The Bible has set forth plainly teachings regarding marriage, home, etc.—

"And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth." Genesis 1:28.

"And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh." Genesis 2:23-24.

"Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee. Thou shalt not commit adultery." Exodus 20:12, 14.

"And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him. Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them. Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord. Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged." Colossians 3:17-21.

"Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God. Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing. Husbands,

love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word. That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church: For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh." Ephesians 5:21-29, 31.

Today, even some of our preachers dare stand in holy places teaching artificial insemination which is calculated to result in the term of the following news item:

"Husband Barred From 'Test Tube' Child

Oklahoma City, Aug. 6—(UP)—Mrs. Julie Strand today had a divorce from her New York husband and a court order to keep him from visiting her or her six year old 'test tube' daughter, Antoninette.

District Judge Clarence Mills granted Mrs. Strnad a final divorce decree and perpetually enjoined Antoine Strnad, a New York chauffeur, from visiting her or Antoninette late yesterday.

Mills ruled that Strnad, whom Mrs. Strnad said was incapable of becoming a father, was not Antoninette's father and had none of a father's rights of visitation.

Earlier, a New York court gave Mrs. Strnad custody of the child but maintained that Strnad was the legal father despite the fact that Antoninette was conceived by artificial insemination.

Mrs. Strnad claimed 'cruelty' in asking for the divorce. Her attorney, George Mikovsky, said the charge was based in part on Strnad's inability to become a father and also on Strnad's action after Antoninette's birth.

Mrs. Strnad said her husband arranged for her to become pregnant by artificial insemination, but became wildly jealous of the unknown donor immediately after-

ward.

Mrs. Strnad separated from her husband in 1945. He later 'kidnaped' the child and took her to Prague, Czechoslovakia. Mrs. Strnad followed him to Europe and regained the child."

IV

According to the news item below from a great daily newspaper the Catholics are not afraid or indifferent in speaking out on the subject under discussion. The news item follows:

"CATHOLIC DOCS FROWN ON TEST TUBE BABIES

Rome—(AP)—Delegates to the 4th International Convention of Catholic Doctors Wednesday Condemn the Practice of Having Test Tube Babies As Contrary to the Natural Rules of Parenthood.

Prof. Octave Pasteau of Paris, president of the International Medical Society of St. Luke said, "It would be frightful if one day we will have donors of human seed as popular as donors of blood."

"If Catholic doctors do not take immediate and strong action against artificial insemination," he continued, "we will shortly have in all countries state services of seed donors as we have now services of blood donors."

"Dr. Jeremiah Foley, Master General of the Irish Guild of St. Luke, Sts. Comas and Damin, said approval of artificial insemination would 'prove a terrible weapon in the hands of modern and totalitarian governments.'"

He added: "We shall see the state taking in hand the breeding of subjects and the rearing of them without regard to divine law and human love."

Let us not wait in this matter until real violence has been done the sanctity of marriage generally.

There was a day when the medical profession generally was wrong on the liquor question. Thank God that has changed today!

Christian physicians may now render another great service in helping preserve one of the three great institutions of all times! May it be so! Ephesians 5.

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B. S. U. Convention Next Week-End

There will be a number of Training Union members who are not in college who will be wanting to attend the Student convention. That is true every year. It will be a great experience for us all if we could attend, as this convention is pitched on a very high spiritual plane. The date is October 28-30, the opening session Friday night at 7 o'clock. A great parade of wonderful talent has been secured. Come and bring a group with you.

New Church Designs

The Architectural department of the Sunday School Board, Mr. W. A. Harrell, Secretary, has produced a few new church designs. They are in a booklet and available upon request. Write Mr. Harrell and he will be happy to serve you in every way he can. In addition to these plans for the building, sheets which present equipment suggestions have been prepared, and they too are available upon request.

Ring December 29-30

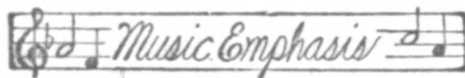
Early but not too early to announce the date for our State Training Union Convention meeting in Jackson, First Baptist Church, December 29-30. Yes, this has been announced before in general ways and most of our people know about it but we want EVERY BODY to know about it and we are expecting the largest attendance we have had in years. Two days this year and the program will be interspersed with fine music. On employers who read this. If you have a great Music Festival. Plans are going forward for overnight entertainment for those spending the night. We hope to secure enough homes at \$1.00 per person, so "RING" those dates and make your plans to be with us. The program will begin on Thursday morning and close Friday afternoon.

Associational Officers Meeting November 14

September and October have been Associational meeting months. Each of our 72 associations have had their annual business meeting and at this meeting the officers for the associational Training Union have been elected. Each year following these elections we have a state wide meeting for these officers. The meeting this year will be at First Church, Jackson, on Monday, November 14. It will be a two session meeting, morning and afternoon. We are eager that every one of our Associational Training Union officers attend this meeting. The Sunday School Board is co-operating by sending three of our southwide workers to be with us, Mr. Leonard Wedel, Mr. John Jeffers, and Miss Frances Whitworth. In addition to this they are helping us financially which makes it possible for us to help on car expense for those attending the meeting. There may be some employers who read this, if you have an employee who is an officer make it possible for him to attend this important meeting. Here we set up the program for the coming year. Here we exchange ideas. Here we meet new friends. Here we set our goals, and here we receive inspiration.

"D" Day Programs

This word of appreciation comes from our hearts to our pastors and associational officers for the fine way they have cooperated with us in making our Demonstration programs a great success. We started the year with the plan to hold a meeting in each of our 72 associations. To date we are up to schedule having held the meeting in 62 associations. The remaining ten will be held in November as follows: Lee, Nov. 6; Tishomingo, Nov. 7; Alcorn, Nov. 8; Prentiss, Nov. 9; Itawamba, Nov. 10; Monroe, Nov. 11; Chickasaw, Nov. 12; Union, Nov. 18; Warren, Nov. 19; Hinds, Nov. 20. All of these are set up and we are going to make this program 100 per cent. That, when you think of all the conflicts that do come up here and there, is a marvelous record. The Lord has really been in this program giving the churches right of way.



Music Emphasis For 1949

Festivals: The first ensemble and hymn festival was held in conjunction with the Associational Training Union Elimination Contests which were held in the various associations shortly before the District Training Union Conventions during the month of June. During this time a total of 660 took part in the ensembles, and more than 150 played in the hymn playing. The State Training Union Convention and Music Festival will be held December 29 and 30. All Ensembles and Hymn Players who took part in the District Festivals are eligible to participate in the State Festival. The Music Section of Training is cooperating with the State Brotherhood Department in promoting and leading in a Mass Men's Chorus to furnish special music during the State Brotherhood Convention on November 14. Also, there is to be held a Brotherhood Quartet Contest on November 14.

Music Schools: A splendid group of music schools have been held this year and many of the teachers have been secured through the recommendations from the Music Section of Training. One central music leadership school has been held, and one simultaneous associational music emphasis has been held.

Associational Hymn Festivals: On June 26 the associational hymn festival program was launched. At least 25 associations are interested in this program, and since that date, at least seven associations have started the associational hymn festival. The churches of Mississippi will continue to make progress through better music. Our Slogan: "Let All The People Sing."

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MR. GEORGE J. BURNETT, MEMPHIS, Tennessee, conducted a very fine Stewardship Revival in the First Baptist Church, Brookhaven, Mississippi, October 2-9. He made an analysis of the church financial records and made suggestions concerning the 1950 budget, in addition to bringing stewardship messages each evening, states the pastor, Dr. W. Landon Miller.

MORE THAN 5000 PEOPLE VISIT RANKIN FAIR BOOTH



Shown above is the display booth of Rankin County Baptists at the recent Mississippi State Fair.

Mission Church Has Dedication Service

On October 2 Mission Church in Montgomery County dedicated its new and modern house of worship. An all-day program was prepared, with dinner served on the church grounds.

Nine candidates were baptized in the afternoon service, including a 70-year old man and his son.

Rev. J. M. Metts, pastor, and Rev. C. B. Hamlett, III, of Winona, have worked faithfully along with several local members of the church to revitalize the Mission Church, which was organized in 1870.

BTU Revival Held At Tate St.

Rev. Joe Abrams, pastor of Shukalak, led the Tate Street Church, Corinth, in a Training Union Revival October 10-13, with 181 enrolled. On the Sunday following the revival 183 attended Training Union. More unions were organized and departmental work was inspired. In addition, 13 adults joined the church, nine by letter.

The Manual was studied by all groups, with the following teaching: Adults, Mr. Abrams; Young People, Mr. B. G. Ray of Hinkle Church; Intermediates, Rev. Gilbert Daniel, pastor of Holly Church; Juniors, Rev. Milton Bryant, pastor of Hinkle church; Story Hour, Mrs. Mack Wilbanks, the Story Hour leader; and Mrs. Tommy Gerley kept the Nursery.

Rev. H. B. Speights is the pastor.

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MISS YONEKO KIGITA, JAPANESE student at Blue Mountain, spoke at Tiptonsville last Sunday night. She brought a heart-stirring message to a large congregation.—R. L. RAY, JR., Pastor.

The Rankin County Association, under the supervision of its Pastor's Conference, maintained a display booth at the Mississippi State Fair in Jackson, October 10-17. Pictures of the church buildings were on display and information about the Association, Mississippi Baptist work and of the Southern Baptist Convention was available. An electric map of the county with a light for each church of the Association was in the center of the display. A large, flood-lighted sign proclaimed "Christ is the Answer" to all who came into the Agriculture and Industrial building. Approximately 12,000 tracts were distributed and Bible book-markers, imprinted with the plan of salvation, were given as souvenirs.

Pastors were on duty during the hours the fair was open to answer questions, give out tracts and copies of the Baptist Record, and do personal work. More than 5,000 personal contacts were made during the week. People from several states and practically every county in Mississippi stopped by the booth.

On the last day of the fair, Negro day, the display was in charge of the Mississippi Baptist Seminary, Mississippi Baptist's Negro school.

The following pastors composed the committee on arrangements: Grady Smith, Paul Truitt church; L. C. Hoff, Florence church; Charles L. Phipps, Richland church; and L. W. Stanger, Associational Missionary.

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ENROLLMENT IN GOLDEN GATE Baptist Seminary for fall session reached 167, according to an announcement by Dr. Benjamin O. Herring, seminary president. Of this number 142 are matriculated students, and 25 are special students. The students are from twenty states and three foreign countries.

BAPTIST STUDENT UNION

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J. B. Betts, of Sunflower Jr., has been appointed by our State President, Joe Barber, to fill out the unexpired term of Buford Ashley, of Mississippi State, as our State Publicity Chairman. Dr. W. Landon Miller, Pastor of First Church, Brookhaven, is to appear on the Alabama BSU Convention program. . . . Fifth in our list of BSU Objectives for 1949-50 is an increase in State Board appropriation for State BSU Dept. making possible the employment of a full-time Office Secretary and enough other money to carry on a really challenging Student Program in Mississippi. . . . Have you prayed enough for our State Convention opening at Mississippi College tomorrow night? . . . BSUers, don't forget to elect your messengers for the Convention. Only messengers will vote in the election of our 1949-50 State Officers. Each BSU is entitled to at least one messenger and none to more than five. The first messenger represents one through 49 enlisted Baptist students; the second 50 through 99, and so on. An enlisted Baptist student is one who is a member of

the college town or a nearby church or of one of the unit organizations of the BSU such as Sunday School, Training Union, Y. W. A., Brotherhood, Ministerial Association, and so on. . . . Recent appearances have been made at Clarke College, Kemper Association and Mississippi College. At MC, which we've visited several times recently, we had the privilege of speaking in chapel. . . . While Christians complacently enjoy plenty in America, let them remember that in Shanghai, China, last Dec. 4, 3,725 persons were found dead on the streets, most of them little children who died of cold and hunger or who were abandoned by their parents who were not financially able to care for them. . . . It is evidence of the thinness of our educational system that we heap scorn on those who seek wisdom through learning. We call them "squares" and "highbrows." And our movies glorify the dumb hero. Dagwood threatens to become the national ideal—and that in a day when, as never before, we need Jeffersons and Lincolns as well as Einsteins.—Milton Lomack.

FIRST, GULFPORT REPORTS TO ASSOCIATION

The First Church, Gulfport, Rev. Joe Odle, pastor, had 242 additions, 76 for baptism, during the past year, according to their report to the Gulf Coast Association. The total membership is now 2,265.

The Sunday school has 1121 enrolled; the Training Union, 217. The W. M. U. has 13 circles with 170 enrolled, eight auxiliaries with 111 enrolled. The report states that 154 members of the W. M. U. are tithers.

The financial report reveals that gifts for all causes total \$85,198, of which \$72,308 was used for local work, including the new building and \$12,890 was used for Missions. The church property is valued at \$240,000.

A RESOLUTION

Whereas, Mr. Frank C. Willcoxson has recently moved his residence from Vicksburg to Hazlehurst, Mississippi, and has made a request for his church letter to be sent from the First Baptist Church of Vicksburg to the Hazlehurst Baptist Church; and

Whereas, For a long period of time Mr. Willcoxson served as an active member of the First Baptist Church of Vicksburg; and

Whereas, He occupied a number of official positions including teacher in the Sunday School, Superintendent of the Sunday School, member of the Board of Deacons, member of the Executive Committee, Chairman of the Finance Committee, and Chairman of the Building and Planning Committee; and

Whereas, Mr. Willcoxson rendered such loyal and efficient service in all of these positions during those years of fellowship in our church that he attracted the love and admiration of all our people; NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Board of Deacons of the First Baptist Church of Vicksburg extend to Mr. Willcoxson its heartfelt appreciation for the service he has rendered the Kingdom of God through the medium of this church;

2. That we commend him to the fellowship of the Hazlehurst Baptist Church;

3. That we extend to Mr. Willcoxson our best wishes and pledge our prayers for his continued usefulness in the service of Christ.

'VOICE OF CONSCIENCE' GETS PEOPLE TO CHURCH

KANSAS CITY, Kan.—(RNS)—The Rev. Winfred McEver of the Westwood Christian church (Disciples) here had an idea.

It was Saturday night, and he telephoned each family listed in the church membership roll. As each person lifted the phone receiver he heard this message: "This is the voice of conscience. Tomorrow is Sunday!"

Most of those called recognized the minister's voice and evidenced approval of the unique approach. What's more, the experiment paid off. Attendance at church the next day was three times above average.

Deacon Ordained At Richland

Richland Church in Rankin County, Charles Phipps, pastor, ordained Earl T. Hannon as a deacon at the morning worship hour, October 16. Mr. Hannon is the Training Union Director, teaches a Young People's class in the Sunday School, and is active in every phase of the Lord's work. Mrs. Hannon is the church pianist, teaches a Young Adult class in Sunday School, and is in charge of the Story Hour in Trainin Union.

At the ordination, all the deacons of the church and one visiting preacher participated in the service. The pastor's sermon was entitled, "What is a Deacon?" Mr. M. W. Steen, Chairman of Deacons and Superintendent of the Sunday School led in the ordination prayer.

MRS. W. E. PIKE

The members of the W. M. U. of McLain Church wish to express our love and sympathy for Mrs. W. E. Pike, president of our society.

We miss her presence, her inspiration, and her prayers each time we meet. Her unselfish service to God and humanity should inspire us to a better life of service. Although our hearts are sad because of her absence from us, we can find joy in the fact that she went to live with God.

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and may they find comfort in Him who doeth all things well.

Members of the W. M. U.
MRS. D. L. WELLS,
Publicity Chairman

Nine Southwestern Alumni Appointed To Foreign Fields

The Foreign Mission Board appointed nine alumni of Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, for foreign service in their regular meeting, October 11. Appointees from Southwestern were:

Rev. and Mrs. Wm. Judson Blair, appointees to Argentina. Their home is in Fort Worth.

Dr. and Mrs. Julius Raht Hickerson, Jr., Dallas, have been appointed for service in Columbia.

Rev. and Mrs. Stanley Proctor Howard, Jr., Waco, will serve in Japan.

Rev. and Mrs. Joe Carl Johnson, appointees to North Brazil, reside in Dallas.

Rev. and Mrs. Boyd Allen O'Neal of Stephenville, Tex., and also appointees to North Brazil.

Relief Committee Requests CROP Gifts Be Designated

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—(BP)—Baptists who contribute grain, cotton, rice, and other farm products to CROP for relief distribution overseas should designate their gifts to Baptists according to Dr. R. Paul Caudill, chairman of the Relief Committee of the Baptist World Alliance. The gifts will be turned over to Baptist consignees named by the Relief Committee.

The designated gifts from CROP will be handled in Europe under the direction of Dr. W. O. Lewis, Dr. J. D. Franks, Dr. George Sadler, Dr. Edwin Bell and Rev. Fred Schatz, working under the direction of the Relief Committee. The plan was worked out last summer during Dr. Caudill's tour of the destitute areas of Europe.

The Relief Committee hopes to close its program in the occupied zone of Germany by July 1950. In the meanwhile, gifts designated through CROP will bring relief to thousands of suffering Baptists in Europe.

CLEAR CREEK CHURCH, SMITH County, Rev. L. C. Anthony, pastor, has elected officers for the coming association year as follows: G. M. Cargile, clerk and treasurer; Jeanette Pearl Cargile, reporter; O. B. Jones, Sunday School superintendent; Mrs. Gressot Stringer, Mrs. Ruby Ishee, and J. P. Clark, teachers.

CALVARY CHURCH, AMITE COUNTY, Rev. J. D. Nazary, had 100 present in Sunday School October 23, out of an enrolment of 118. An offering was taken for State Missions.

MAIN STREET CHURCH, HATTIESBURG, Dr. J. E. Barnes, Jr., pastor, has adopted a budget of \$85,500 for 1950. Missions and benevolences is to receive \$21,135; local expenses \$31,615; equipment and building maintenance \$2,750 and building fund \$30,000.

AMONG RECENT VISITORS IN THE office of the Baptist Record were: Rev. E. W. Porter, Georgetown; J. M. Cloud, LaBianca, Texas; Carroll Garlin, J. A. Good, Harry Smallwood, Horace Headrick, Laurel; Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Teeley, New Orleans; E. L. Howell, Foxworth; Rev. A. G. Smith, Ludlow; Rev. Horner McDonald, Lena; Wendell Shinn and Harris D. Shinn, Jackson.

THE JACKSON CHAPTER OF THE American Association of University Women held a reception in the Convention Hall of the Edwards Hotel, Jackson, on October 20 honoring Mississippi College, the recently approved member of the National organization. All women graduates of Mississippi College are now eligible for membership in the American Association of University Women, an honor which is deeply appreciated by the friends of Mississippi College.

GOD IS MORE INTERESTED IN your future than he is in your past.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE

October 23, 1949

Columbus, First	1016	317
Yazoo City, First	347	79
Lucedale	316	137
West Side	136	51
Chalybeate	77	50
Shady Grove (George County)	153	141
Crystal Springs	649	193
Bogue Chitto (Pike County)	90	105
Brookhaven, First	966	300
Hamilton Street Chapel	110	66
Central Chapel	108	65
Paul Truitt Memorial (Rankin County)	141	97
East Moss Point	196	94
East Columbia	79	50
Poplar Springs (Simpson County)	81	---
East McComb	481	257
Mt. Zion (Lincoln County)	96	80
Union (Pike County)	82	63
Siloam (Simpson County)	77	61
Pleasant Ridge (Union County)	104	73
West Laurel	453	137
Corinth, Tate Street	334	143
Bruce	228	83
Harperville	105	60
Leesburg	121	187
County Line (Copiah County)	112	62
Clara	68	47
Laurel, Second Avenue	470	134
Laurel, First	682	215
Hattiesburg, Main Street	873	295
New Albany	709	220
Pascagoula, First	596	208
Eastlawn Mission	67	67
Chapel No. 2	46	---
Evergreen (Winston County)	77	66
New Prospect (Lincoln County)	140	122
Bay Springs, including mission	190	76
Houlka (Chickasaw County)	101	43
Long Creek (Lauderdale County)	67	55
Calvary (Amite County)	100	93
Darling	85	41
Harmony (Tippah County)	95	55
Brooklyn	80	48
Friendship (Lincoln County)	121	98
Pleasant Hill (Lincoln County)	110	75
McComb, First	573	106
Glenfield (Union County)	54	32
Center (Union County)	176	98
Carmel	116	88
Rawls Springs (Lebanon Association)	107	109
Cherry Creek (Pontotoc County)	88	87
Centreville	158	55
DeLay	60	67
West Point, First	600	218
Brookhaven, Pearlhaven	107	93
Paynes	106	89
Ruth	88	101
Union (Alcorn Association)	80	44
Kosciusko, First	603	200
East Fork (Amite County)	111	40
Jackson, Van Winkle	408	218
Jackson, Northside	520	204
Jackson, Calvary	1343	328
Calvary Mission	30	35
Jackson, Eastside	114	65
Jackson, First	1400	465
Jackson, Southside	228	117
Jackson, Daniel Memorial	302	145
Jackson, Parkway	815	308
Parkway Chapel	96	40
Bethlehem (Scott County)	126	74
Jackson, Elaine	120	89

October 16, 1949

Long Creek (Lauderdale County)

EAST FORK CHURCH IN AMITE County had 18 baptisms during the past year. There were 100 B. T. U. study course awards granted, and 45 Sunday School awards granted. Rev. Melvin T. Wilson is the pastor.

YOU CANNOT FIX CONDITIONS until you fix men.

-- Woman's Missionary Union --

President—Mrs. Wilma B. Sledge, Jackson; Exec. Sec'y.—Miss Edwina Robinson
Young People's Sec'y.—Miss Nell Taylor

OFFICERS CLINIC

Two hundred forty-seven were present from 51 Associations! A most enthusiastic, eager, earnest group of women came for the two days, Oct. 11-12. They were intent on learning more about the work and how to more effectively do it. The opening period was a general conference when each state officer set forth aims for the year. There were three periods of an hour each when six simultaneous conferences were held:

Superintendents and District Chairmen—Mrs. Wilma B. Sledge and Edwina Robinson.

Young People's Leaders—Nell Taylor.

Community Missions Chairmen—Mrs. W. A. Stockton.

Mission Study Chairmen—Mrs. N. A. Edmonds.

Stewardship Chairmen—Mrs. J. T. Lyons.

Secretaries—Nettie Ree Traylor.

A special demonstration of a Mission Study Institute was given and a goal of an Institute in each association was adopted.

The evening session was given to previewing available film and film strips on the Advance Program of Southern Baptists and on Japan, the field for study this fall. Discussions, conferences, fellowship, inspiration and planning were all a part of the two days together.

BEAUTIFUL JAPAN

Rev. Harvey Clarke, missionary to Japan, wrote the music and words to a lovely song. We have mimeographed copies of it—if you have a solist in your Missionary Society, write the W. M. U. office for a copy of the music. Here are the words:

I
Off the coast of Asia 'mid the mighty ocean
Lies the Island Kingdom strangely fair and bright.
Ere the rising sunbeams touched the the Asian highlands.
All her isles are glowing in the morning light
First to catch the radiance of a brighter sunrise
Islands of the morning, Beautiful Japan.

II

Like a youthful giant she is leaping onward
Gathering up the spoil of every hue and clime.
She has caught the vision of a greater future
And would fain outstrip the very marks of time.
What she needs is Jesus and His Holy Spirit.
Only Christ can guide thee, Beautiful Japan.

III

At the Gates of Asia foremost of her nations,
God has sent His people in His wondrous plan.
China's teeming myriads and Korea's millions
Wait for her to lead them to the Son of Man.
Rise to meet thy mission, Haste to claim thy calling
Hail His coming Kingdom, Beautiful Japan.

Chorus:

Beautiful Japan, Beautiful Japan.
Islands of the morning
Beautiful Japan.
Beautiful Japan, Beautiful Japan.
Islands of the morning
Beautiful Japan.

STUDY JAPAN

BOOKS—(Order from Baptist Book Store.)

Adult—JAPAN'S NEW DAY (60c).

Young People—RING IN THE NEW (40c).

Intermediate—JOTTINGS FROM JAPAN (40c).

Junior—MY DADDY TOLD ME (40c).

Sunbeams—CHIE-KO-CHAN (50c).

HELPS—(Order free from Foreign Mission Board, Box 5148, Richmond, Va.) There is a splendid booklet of helps for each book (be SURE and state which book you want the helps for). Envelope of helps on JAPAN (this is the same for each book).

FILMSTRIPS OF JAPAN

(Order all of the items listed below from BAPTIST BOOK STORE, Jackson.)

(These prices are purchase prices; these are not for rent.)

THE LAND OF THE RISING SUN—40 single frames (\$2.50). A study of Japan and her people as the background upon which our foreign mission program is projected. Explanatory titles are incorporated in the filmstrip so that it is a complete unit in itself.

CHILDREN IN JAPAN—36 single frames (\$2.50). A study of children in post-war Japan. It is designed especially for children through the Junior age. Each frame has an explanatory caption and the unit is complete in itself.

OPEN DOORS IN JAPAN—38 single frames (\$2.50). A survey of Baptist missions in Japan. Each frame has an explanatory caption so that the unit is complete in itself. It may be used separately or as a supplement to the mission study books. A utilization guide is furnished with the filmstrip to give further information and to correlate the visual materials with the mission study books.

A GRAIN OF WHEAT—40 single frames (\$2.50). The work of Japanese Baptists is presented as reported to the annual convention meeting in Kokura in May, 1949. The filmstrip is complete with titles and explanatory captions. A utilization guide is furnished with the filmstrip to give further information and to refer to mission study books on Japan. The filmstrip may be used separately or as a supplement to the mission study books.

JAPAN, LIFE AND INDUSTRIES OF THE PEOPLE—(\$3.00). Background information on the lives of people in Japan.

JAPAN, THE HOME—(\$3.00). Background information on the lives of people in Japan.

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OCT. 19—STUDENTS CHOSEN BY the extracurricular groups at Blue Mountain College to typify the "new girl" are: Mellie Gene Blanks, Greenwood, Modenian; Miriam Stacy, Tupelo, Euzelian; Kathryn Holland, Calhoun City, Eunomian.

NEW FACULTY MEMBERS ADDED AT SOUTHWESTERN



PHILIP B. HARRIS

Prof. Philip B. Harris, former Southwide superintendent of Young People's work for the Sunday School Board, began duties as Assistant Professor of Adolescent Religious Education at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, September 1.

Mr. Harris served with the Sunday School board for six years. Before that time he was Sunday school and Training Union secretary for Illinois Baptists.

He has the B.Ed. degree from Southern Illinois Normal University, Carbondale, Ill., and the M. R. E. degree from Southwestern.

Other new faculty members include:

Prof. James L. Garrett, A. B., B. D., Th. M., Instructor in Systematic Theology.

Dr. Ralph Lee Smith, B. Ed., Th. M., Th. D., instructor in Old Testament.

Prof. H. C. Brown, Jr., B. A., B. D., instructor in Speech.

Prof. Woodrow W. Wall, A. A., B. A., B. Music, teacher in the School of Sacred Music.

Dr. Forrest Heeren, B. S., M. S., head of the Voice Department of the School of Sacred Music.

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THE LEAVELL WOODS CHURCH sponsors a gospel singing program each Friday at 7:30 p. m. at the Hinds County court house. The public is invited.

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ROBERT SLACK, JR.

Whereas, Brother Robert Slack, Jr., has during the past years served as a faithful deacon of the Zion Hill Baptist Church, as well as Sunday School Superintendent and Building Fund Treasurer, and

Whereas, Bro. Slack feels that God has called him to the Gospel ministry and has stated to the church that he is accepting that call, and

Whereas, Bro. Slack is a man of loyalty, integrity and high ideals, submissive to the Lord, obedient to His call, busy in His service, therefore,

Be it resolved that the Deacons of the Zion Hill Baptist Church commend him to the Christians of our state and Southland and ask that he shall be used greatly of God and his fellow man as he follows the leading of God.

Be it resolved that the Deacons express to Bro. Slack our heartfelt appreciation for all services rendered as a member of this group.

Be it resolved that a copy of this resolution be placed in the minutes of the deacons, a copy sent to the Baptist Record, and a copy be presented to Bro. Slack.

HOWARD GAY,
Chairman of the Deacons
J. R. BLAKENEY
Secretary

paid.

M. C. Faculty Club Has First Meeting

CLINTON, Miss., Oct. 18, 1949—The first meeting of this year's Mississippi College Faculty Club met Monday night, October 17. The newly-elected president, Coach Melvin Landrum, presided at the meeting. The vice-president for this year is Dr. Archie Germany and the secretary-treasurer is Mrs. Sam Cochran.

Mrs. Jewell Cole Cook had charge of the program. Mrs. Charles Tolbert was in charge of the refreshments. Guest speaker was Hon. Ross Barnett. Mr. Barnett graduated from Mississippi College in 1922. He made a very interesting talk on the changes that have come throughout the world since he was a student at Mississippi College. He paid tribute to Dr. D. M. Nelson, president of the college, and his associates for the improvements in Mississippi College.

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Kosciusko Notes Growth

According to the report of the First Church, Kosciusko, to the Attala County Association, there were 252 additions during the year, 108 by baptisms, making a total resident membership of 1242. Total gifts for the year amounted to \$51,738. Gifts to missions totaled, \$8,898, of which \$5,034 went through the Cooperative Program. As of October 1, 1949, the Building Fund contained \$69,478.

Total Sunday School enrollment is now 1091; the Training Union, 288; the W. M. U., 295.

Rev. A. B. Pierce is the pastor.

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Zion Hill Has Layman's Day Progress Shown By Asso. Letter

On Sunday, October 9, the Zion Hill Baptist Church, Route 2, Hattiesburg, observed Layman's Day. The members of the Brotherhood were responsible for filling the pews at the morning service, and 30 of the men occupied the choir for the service.

A capacity crowd was present, and all previous Sunday School records for attendance were broken.

Rev. Loyd Shelton, Pastor, spoke on the subject "God's Warning to Men" at the morning service. At the evening service, Rev. Robert Slack, Jr., Assistant Pastor, brought a very inspiring message.

The following have been elected to serve as church officers for the year 1949-50: Clerk, Earl McGilvary; Treasurer, Wilson Averett; Chorister, J. R. Blakeney; Pianist, Helen J. Battles; Sunday School Supt., R. R. Slack, Jr.; Training Union Director, J. R. Blakeney; Brotherhood President, Howard Gay; W. M. U. President, Mrs. M. M. Myrick; Young People's Leader, Miss Juanita Clark.

The reading and approval of the Associational letter revealed 20 additions by baptism and 16 by letter. Expenditures for the past year were \$24,650 compared to \$7,400 a year ago. The enrolment and average attendance shows a great increase in all the organizations. A new building has been three-fourths completed during the past year.

The church will participate in the Simultaneous Evangelistic Campaign October 30-November 13 with Rev. F. W. Gillespie, Pastor of the Sylvan Heights Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn., as guest evangelist and J. R. Blakeney, director of music.

MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST BROTHERHOOD CONFERENCES

— FIRST WEEK —



NELSON TULL, Secretary
Arkansas Baptist Brotherhood

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— SECOND WEEK —



L. H. TAPSCOTT, Secretary,
Texas Baptist Brotherhood.

Date—	Time	Dist.	Meeting Place
Monday, October 31	7:30	8	Southside, McComb
Tuesday, November 1	7:30	1	Mississippi College
Thursday, November 3	7:30	7	Pearl River Jr. College
Friday, November 4	7:30	6	Clarke College

Date—	Time	Dist.	Meeting Place
Monday, November 7	7:30	2	Leland, First
Tuesday, November 8	7:30	3	Batesville
Thursday, November 10	7:30	4	Booneville
Friday, November 11	7:30	5	Starkville, First

Program—

7:30 P. M.	Meal and Fellowship
8:00 P. M.	Worship in Song
8:15 P. M.	Reports and Plans
8:30 P. M.	"Brotherhood Work In Our State"—W. R. Roberts
8:45 P. M.	Special Music
8:50 P. M.	"The Brotherhood—What, Why and How"—Nelson Tull, First Week, L. H. Tapscott, Second Week

District Presidents—

District 1, Bill Keeler, Terry.
District 2, Paul Watson, Greenville, (acting president)
District 3, O. B. Kerr, Holly Springs.
District 4, H. E. Ray, Jr., Corinth (acting president).
District 5, Roy Lancaster, Louisville (acting president).
District 6, Charles D. Shields, Meridian.
District 7, Bruce Aultman, Hattiesburg.
District 8, Joe McCollough, McComb.

IMPORTANT

Advise Host Church or College How Many Men To
Prepare Meals For.

Rev. L. G. Sansing Accepts Davis Memorial, Jackson

The Rev. L. Gordon Sansing, pastor of the First church, Booneville, has resigned there in order to accept the pastorate of Davis Memorial church in Jackson. He will succeed the Rev. A. Sidney Johnston who resigned a few months ago and accepted the pastorate of Phalti church in Jeff Davis county.

Mr. Sansing has held several successful pastorates in Mississippi including Pelahatchie, Lake, Hickory, and Brandon. He went to Booneville from Brandon.

A native of Mississippi, and an A.B. graduate of Mississippi College, he got his theological education at the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and holds the Th. M. degree from that institution.

Davis Memorial church is located in northwest Jackson near the Baptist Orphanage and serves as the orphanage church. For several years the church has been accumulating funds for a new building to take care of the ever-growing constituency and construction has already started. The cost of the entire new plant when completed is estimated at \$350,000.

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HEAR THE BAPTIST HOUR

Speaker—Dr. Robert G. Lee.

October 30—subject: "Which Way Are You Headed?"

Stations in Mississippi

At 2:30 p. m. Sundays:

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40 & 25 YEARS AGO

By Rev. J. L. Boyd, Sr.

40 YEARS AGO

Pastor Chas. L. Lewis of Raymond reports the meeting with the Lula Church in which he did the preaching (except one sermon by Rev. B. Simmons) resulting in 26 additions, of whom 22 were baptized. Also in the Beulah Church where 31 were added to the membership, 25 for baptism.

The Clinton Baptist Church set apart to the full gospel ministry M. O. Patterson on the evening of Sept. 1, 1904. Dr. W. T. Lowrey, President of Mississippi College, acted as moderator of the council and Rev. A. G. Watkins, clerk.

Pastor B. A. McCullough had as his help Rev. J. W. Mayfield in the Center Ridge revival meeting with six additions by baptism; Rev. N. R. Stone in the Hebron meeting with 17 additions, nine for baptism; Rev. W. R. Cooper in the Liverpool Church revival with six coming for baptism.

Pastor Estes Bass reports his summer meetings: Improve, where Joe and Abner Bryant did the preaching with three additions by letter, and the church resolved "to organize and maintain a Sunday school"; Pine Springs, where Rev. M. O. Patterson was the visiting preacher and resulted in a "most glorious meeting" with five additions by baptism and five by letter; and Prof. J. R. Hitt led the singing; Shiloh, with Rev. Robert Sproles doing the preaching resulting in two coming for baptism and four by letter; Williamsburg, where Rev. L. D. Posey assisted, resulting in nine for baptism and eight by letter.

Bill Cox Ordained ACCEPTS PASTORATE AT LEAVELL WOODS HINDS CO.



GROVE J. (BILL) COX

Grove J. (Bill) Cox, recently called as pastor of the Leavell Woods Church, was ordained by the church on September 29.

The church called together an ordination council composed of Dr. Howard E. Spell, Dr. J. L. Boyd, Dr. W. L. Holcomb, Rev. W. P. Davis, Rev. Herman Milner, Rev. Richard Uejo and Rev. Nolan M. Kennedy. At the ordination service, the Rev. Mr. Davis, assistant Executive Secretary of the Convention Board, delivered the message. The church presented the Bible.

"Bill" was not a Baptist before his coming to Mississippi, although he was converted while in service during the war, and was baptized by Rev. Silas Cooper, a Baptist minister and a Mississippian. On coming to Clinton, he united with the Clinton church. About three weeks after his coming, the Leavell Woods Church called him as their pastor.

The Leavell Woods Church was begun a few years ago in the then edge of the Leavell Woods area. It is in a strategic and growing center of population on the south edge of Jackson. The people of the church have responded in a wonderfully fine manner to the leadership of their young pastor. Reports coming from the services there indicate that in all the services the present building is virtually filled to capacity and enthusiasm is growing as they plan together toward the building of a more adequate building.

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CALENDAR OF PRAYER

October 31—Mrs. John Peeler, Tippah Association W. M. U. Superintendent; W. S. Hardin, Sunflower County Convention Board member.

November 1—Marvin E. Taylor, Monroe Assoc. Sunday School Superintendent.

November 2—Miss Altie Grubb, Office Secretary, Baptist Building; Mrs. Ward Pepper, Yazoo County B. T. U. Director.

November 3—Thornton Ray, Blue Mountain College trustee; Dr. B. Frank Smith, Woman's College faculty.

November 4—C. L. Bucy, Lee County Convention Board member; H. A. Carlock, Mississippi College faculty.

November 5—Mrs. G. P. Campbell, Clarke WMU Association Young People's leader; Rev. James H. Street, Clarke College trustee.

November 6—K. E. Cofer, Yalobusha County Convention Board member.

BILOXI, FIRST TO BEGIN REVIVAL ON OCTOBER 30 W. W. Kyzar To Be Evangelist

First Church, Biloxi, will hold the fall revival October 30-November 6. Both morning and evening services will be held, with the morning services beginning at 7 o'clock. Rev. W. W. Kyzar, Sr., of Columbia, will be the evangelist and Rev. S. E. Byler, of Okolona, will direct the music. Dr. G. C. Hodge is the pastor.

The Brotherhood has been sponsoring cottage prayer meetings in various sections of Biloxi for several weeks.

The Committee chairmen who have been leading in the preparation for the revival are: R. L. Blakeney, Evangelism; H. B. Duckworth, Devotional; L. F. Allen, Publicity; Mrs. M. H. Dees, Entertainment; Mrs. M. F. Lutz, House and decorations, and Miss Elizabeth Pickering, Hospitality.

Circles in the W. M. S. have sponsored prayer meetings in the afternoon in preparation for the meeting.

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Lincoln Association Expects Law Enforcement

At the closing of the Lincoln County Baptist Association the following resolution was adopted:

1. That we go on record as the Lincoln County Baptist Association as vigorously opposing the social evils now existing in our association.

2. That every church in the association take a definite stand against the liquor traffic and all gambling within our association at all times.

3. That we as individual churches appeal to the authorities of the county fair that they not allow any games of chance or obscene shows.

4. That we pledge our support to all officers in their enforcement of the law and that we make it known to them that we shall expect them to do their duty in law enforcement.

Rev. A. W. Talbert, chairman of Resolutions Committee; Mrs. J. W. Smith; Rev. R. A. Hancock.

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UDELL SMITH, TENNESSEE, HAS been elected student secretary for Louisians.

Moak's Creek Breaks Ground For New Bldg.

Moak's Creek church in Lincoln County held a ground breaking service on Monday, October 24. Plans are to begin the erection of their new church building immediately.

Seaborn Harvey Moak, Mrs. Mollie Roberts Brumfield and Mrs. Nettie Roberts McClelland were invited to have a special part in the ground-breaking program. Mr. Moak, 91, the oldest member, was invited to break the ground. His father was the donor of the land for the church. Mrs. Brumfield has been a member of the church since she was a child and Mrs. McClelland has been a member of Moak's Creek for 64 years.

On October 17 approximately 150 members met at the church to decide on bids for the building. Rev. J. W. Burnett, the pastor, led in a devotional, after which the pastor, the building committee, and the building contractors met to receive bids. After one bid was decided upon by the committee, the Rev. Mr. Burnett presented the suggestion to the church and a unanimous vote followed.

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MRS. W. B. CLOUD

The many friends of Miss Margaret E. Cloud of the Mailing Department of the Baptist Record will sympathize with her in the recent passing of her mother on October 14.

Mrs. Cloud, 62, a resident of Jackson for nine years, was a native of Bovina, in Warren County, and a member of the Parkway Baptist Church in Jackson.

She is survived by three daughters, Miss Margaret E. Cloud, with whom she made her home; Mrs. D. H. Pitcher, of Jackson; Mrs. H. B. Spencer, Circleville, Ohio; four sons, Rev. James M. Cloud, La Blanca, Texas; B. F. and H. E. Cloud, both of Vicksburg, and F. W. Cloud, of Shreveport; one sister, Mrs. L. O. Henington, Bastrop, Texas.

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DR. MARK A. DAWBER, HOME Missions Council of North America, returned from Alaska as a member of an Interior Department study commission, attributed the "bad moral conditions" to appeasement of liquor interests.

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Secretary Education and Promotion

BOARD MEETING—Budget Making

The Foreign Mission Board faced its fall budget-making with a broadened vision of strengthening stakes in mission centers all over the world and enghthening cords to new fields of labor.

In his report to the semi-annual meeting of the Foreign Misson Board on October 11, Secretary M. Theron Rankin outlined a program looking toward possible expansion into new areas of Africa and into Thailand, India, Korea and the Philippines in the Orient. A stronger educational program for training native workers is proposed for all areas, with two new seminaries to be located in Spanish America and with additional facilities at the seminaries in Zurich, Rio de Janeiro and Japan. Medical mission plans call for two hospitals in Latin America, one in Arabia, one in Japan, and further development of two growing medical centers in Africa.

The estimated income of the Board or budget purposes next year is \$3,800,000. This amount with the Lottie Moon Christmas offering will bring the total over-all operation of the board in 1950 to \$5,250,000. Many of the projects for expansion are scheduled for investigation and preparation during 1950, with the advance to follow receipt of Advance Program funds raised through the Cooperative Program.

Africa, Europe, Near East

Secretary George W. Sadler, in Europe this year, is attending a meeting of the Near East Mission, after which he will outline a future program for that area. The Board authorized him a survey mission prospects in the French Cameroons next summer when he visits the Nigerian Mission. The way is already open for work in Liberia as soon as funds and personnel are available.

Orient

In the Orient, Secretary Baker J. Cauthen recommends the location of a veteran China missionary couple in Korea for a year to observe opportunities there and report to the Board. For Japan he proposes the location of missionaries in every major city between Tokyo and Nagasaki to evangelize the cities and surrounding territory, with special emphasis on work among students in government colleges and universities. Also, a "preaching mission" of some of the South's best preachers is being studied for Japan.

Latin America

Missionary H. W. Schweinsberg brought to the Board a survey report he has just completed on Ecuador and Peru, recommending that missionaries be located in Quito and Guayaquil, Ecuador, and in Lima, Peru. He has established avenues through which they may enter and serve as soon as the Board can send them.

New Missionaries

The Board appointed fourteen new missionaries. They are: Mr. and Mrs. Julius R. Hickerson, Jr., of Texas for Colombia; Mr. and Mrs. William J. Blair of Texas and Arkansas for Argentina; Mr. and Mrs. Boyd A. O'Neal of Texas for North Brazil; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Carl Johnson of Texas for North Brazil; Mr. and Mrs. Stanley P. Howard, Jr., of Missouri and Texas for Japan; Mr. and Mrs. B. Elmo Scoggin of North Carolina and South

Carolina and more recently of Florida, for Palestine; Mr. and Mrs. Herman Sandford of Texas and Kansas for Nigeria.

CHINA—Now

Forty-one missionaries and one child remain in territory occupied by Communists in China; twenty are in stations of the South China Mission where the government turn-over is expected. A total of ninety-eight of the China missionary staff are still in the Orient, the other thirty-seven located in Portuguese Macao, English Hong Kong, Formosa, Bangkok, and the Philippine Islands.

Shanghai, Soochow, and Kaifeng schools are open. Our school is closed in Yangchow but the hospital is open. There are some restrictions on mission work, but none serious. Where Bible classes cannot be held in school buildings, they are continuing in church buildings.

Dr. Henry Lin has resigned as president of the University of Shanghai because his position with the school could react against both the school and his own personal safety. He remained on the campus during the fighting in Shanghai at the risk of his life, leaving only after order had been restored. There are 1,200 students in the school.

Theological Seminary

Industrial work has become a required activity at China Baptist Theological Seminary in Shanghai, with classes shortened to leave the afternoons free for manual labor. They hope by this procedure not only to escape the ban on non-producers but also to lighten seminary kitchen expenses with vegetables raised on the campus as a part of the industrial project.

A large amount of industrial equipment was borrowed from the American Advisory Group in China and Mr. Gordon Brand, formerly with the Kiangwan Health Center, is employed by the Mission on a contract basis to assist with the industrial work.

The Seminary is facing a financial crisis because of the high cost of living and the low exchange rate. The current annual budget is not sufficient to cover the actual cost of running the seminary. Because the school underspent its budget during the first seven months it will be able to complete this year's work. Enrollment for the fall session, which opened September 13, was kept to around seventy to safeguard internal harmony, promote higher scholarship and to lessen financial strain.

COLOMBIA—Medical Missions

A second opportunity for the development of medical missions in Latin America came September 15 when Missionary Roy McGlamery was granted a license to practice medicine in Colombia. The other missionary doctor to obtain a license in Latin America was Missionary Franklin Fowler last December in Asuncion, Paraguay. Dr. Lamar Cole in Mexico is still seeking a license.

Dr. McGlamery opened a small charity clinic in Barranquilla in September 1948 by permission of the governor of the state in which the city is located. Property was purchased in Barranquilla in 1948 for a hospital to be erected as soon as a missionary doctor could gain recognition from

MINISTER'S GOOD DEEDS REPAID

FREDERICK, Md.—(RNS)—Whenever the Rev. William C. Royal, a Baptist clergyman, sees a parking meter where a violation flag shows a forgetful motorist has overstayed his time, he digs into a pocket, pulls out a penny and drops it into the meter.

He'd been doing it quite a while when word of his good deeds leaked out. Since then, he's been getting pennies and nickels in almost every mail.

Penny-dropping, Mr. Royal said here, has now become a profitable enterprise.

the national government.

This new medical work in Colombia and Paraguay will call for more medical personnel. Nurses, either under contract or missionary appointment, will be needed to care for the sick and to train native nurses.

DR. J. D. FRANKS

The Foreign Mission Board elected Dr. J. D. Franks to serve for a three-year period as administrative secretary and public relations representative of the international seminary in Zurich. He will continue to supervise Southern Baptist relief efforts in Europe. Southern Baptist state conventions, seminaries and churches will want to keep him busy during a brief visit he is making soon to America. He can be reached in care of the Foreign Mission Board.

"WHO ARE WE?"

With so many opportunities suddenly opening to view all over the world, the tremendous task of taking them for God places Christians in the position of the Children of Israel before ancient Canaan.

"Who are we among so many?"

"Who are we?" We are the tithers. Every tither is an added force among the unsaved millions.

"Who are we?" We are the churches scattered throughout the South—throughout the world. A fifty-fifty division of those tithes in the storehouse will send an army of missionaries among the many who have not heard of Christ.

"Who are we?" We are the young people giving their lives to Christian service.

We are well able, with the help of the Lord, to enter the lands open to Christianity. Any expansion of foreign mission work depends on local churches and the way they approach the fall budget-making season.

NORTH CENTRAL PASTORS TO MEET NOV. 7

The North Central Pastor's Conference will meet in Mathiston on November 7, according to Rev. J. L. Courson, Secretary. The morning program will begin at 10 o'clock with Rev. W. W. Booth leading the devotional, Rev. C. B. Hamlet, III, directing a Study in Romans, and Rev. Earl Bell rendering the special music. Dr. A. L. Goodrich will deliver the message.

Following the lunch and fellowship period, Rev. J. P. Bush and Rev. Carmen Savelle will lead in studies of I. Cor. 3 and 4, respectively. K. Z. Stevens will bring the closing address.

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Charleston Notes Growth

Rev. Kermit Canterbury, pastor of the Charleston Church, reports that the Charleston Church had had one of its best years in 1949. There have been 25 additions by baptism. Gifts have increased 50 percent during the past two years, with gifts this year amounting to \$26,951. Tithers have increased 100 per cent.

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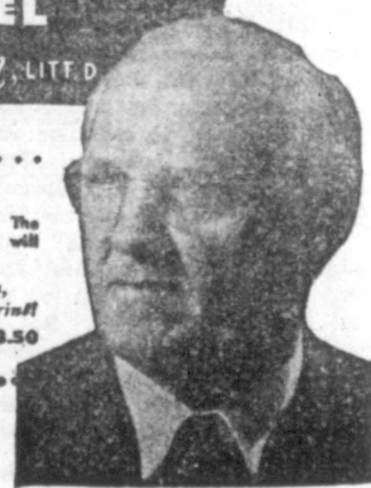
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THE PROPHET AS PREACHERS OF
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Isaiah 3; 5; 22; 28; 38; 58:L-9a;
Jeremiah 35.

I. ENVIRONMENT SHAPES CHARACTER

There is a deep, vital, inescapable relationship between our inner, moral, ethical life, and our physical life, and for the things, animate and inanimate with which we associate. There is no point in saying environment does not affect the character and conduct of some people; for though environment does not affect all people alike, it does inevitably, inescapably affect every man and woman born into the world. The mystery of the WHY environment affects different people differently is still a mystery.

Why three sisters grow up into fine home-makers and leaders among the women of their churches and communities while a fourth goes to the dogs; why one of two brothers grows up to go to Congress, serves his country well and brings honor to the name of his family, while the other grows up to be as well left unmentioned is a mystery few people of sound sense and broad experience will have the temerity to attempt to explain. The elements of environment become tests of character.

The sins of Sodom grieved Abram's heart and he left the city at the call of God: the sins of Sodom grieved Lot's righteous heart, but at the call of God to leave the city, he hesitated until the angels of God not very gently laid hold upon him and "brought him out of the city." A man's inner ethical and religious principles will be inevitably displayed in what he does with land, food, drink, houses, jewels, positions, works, and his relations with his neighbors—everything in all the elements of his environment, physical, social, political, economical, religious. Study now the passages of the Bible assigned for this lesson to see how remarkably this truth, that environment shapes character is illustrated in them.

II. THE SINS OF LUXURY AND INJUSTICE

Isaiah 3-5

The conditions out of which Isaiah wrote these passages were just about the extremes of their kind, but were not exceptional or unusual in countries where wealth accumulates and men decay. See how, in these chapters the prophet describes the conditions obtaining in Judah. Under a succession of good kings, chief among whom was Uzziah, the little kingdom had enjoyed remarkable prosperity in every physical way. Uzziah had extended the borders, extended the supremacy and vastly increased the resources of his little state.

The Philistines who dwelt in cities and the Arabs who dwelt in the desert alike respected the name of Judah. The Ammonites brought him gifts, while the wealth which the East, through tribute and commerce poured into the little kingdom, Uzziah fortified his borders and his capital, undertook large works of husbandry and irrigation, organized a powerful army and equipped it with the latest in weapons of war.

While all this was in progress, what was taking place in the lives of the people of the kingdom? Private fortunes had grown, luxurious living had supplanted the simple ways of earlier days, and this had brought their accompanying sins of greed, intemperance, gluttony, extravagant dress, laziness among both sexes and sexual impurity everywhere.

Against all these the prophet flings the

\$7,500 PRIZE AWARDED "WALKIN' PREACHER"

The Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan, has announced that Mr. Guy Howard, widely known as "The Walkin' Preacher of the Ozarks" and author of the best seller of the same name, has been awarded the first prize in the amount of \$7,500 in Zondervan's \$10,000 International Christian Fiction Contest. The title of the prize-winning novel is GIVE ME THY VINEYARD, a Novel of the Ozarks. The publication date has been announced for September 20.



The book is issued in an attractive four-color jacket and is illustrated throughout. The price is \$3.00; it is available at all religious book stores.

Clarke College Sophomores Hold Annual Banquet

On Thursday, October 13, the traditional sophomore banquet was held at Clarke College in the new dining hall-activities building. The spacious dining room was decorated with black and orange, thereby, carrying out the Halloween theme.

Those having parts on the program were: Dr. W. E. Greene, Pete Steelman, President, Miss Edith Alexander; Appreciation, Reece Acklen, and Mrs. Frances Townsend.

gauntlet of a divine challenge from God for the people to consider the fatal issue of this course of action, that it can but lead to weariness and wretchedness and woe. He describes in striking, smiting words the course and conduct, the dress and demeanor of the wealthy women in Jerusalem, and hurls with the strength of the arm of the Almighty the ban of God against this mockery of the life which He requires of those who profess to be His people.

III. LAND, LUXURY, LIQUOR

Isaiah 5

Look at it! The people of Judah are God's chosen people. "But what have we to do with those old Jews? They are all dead, and nothing in their lives of fate has any application to us!" No, Well, let me tell you that God's chosen people in any day or land are the people to whom God gives great, golden opportunities to be good and do it, to love mercy and pursue it, to reverse justice and establish it! "Oh! You are about to say that Americans are God's chosen people!" Well, stay a moment till I have said it.

What, during the period at the end of which Isaiah preached, had become the condition in Judah? Rich land-grabbers had obtained by fair and foul means nearly all the land there was. The rich by straight and devious methods had grasped all the wealth there was. And the women (God bless (?) them) had thrown all restraint to the winds that they might live the kind of lives the wealthy class of women have insisted upon living in every land beneath the stars—from the wealthy women of Jerusalem up to Little Eva of Argentina down.

Read now, the parable of the vineyard of the Lord in Isaiah 5, and the interpretation of the parable in verses 7-12. Note that the climax of Isaiah's description of the wickedness of God's people is their indulgence in the use of strong drink. Say what you will, ye apologists for alcohol, it is the keenest weapon in the arsenal of the devil.

CORRECTION: THE NEWTON
Church recently placed \$2,500 in its budget to memorialize a suite of rooms in the new girls dormitory at Clarke College, instead of \$25,000 as was previously printed.

THE ILLINOIS NORTHERN BAPTIST
state convention has voted that it is not interested "now or later" in organic union with the Disciples of Christ. The Northern Baptist group in Kansas has taken similar action.

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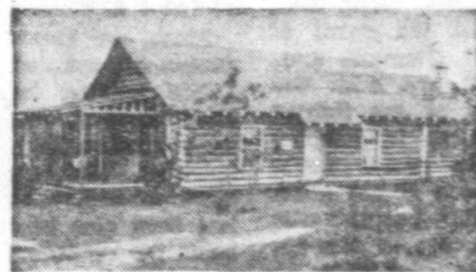
Sunday, November 20, has been set aside as "BAPTIST ORPHANAGE SUNDAY," at which time the whole church will emphasize the work of the Orphanage.

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A Worthy Church Program

(Editor's Note: Below we give a digest of a sermon recently preached by Dr. Charles L. McKay, pastor of the First Church, Pascagoula. Readers will find it helpful and stimulating.)

Your pastor has a definite conviction, after a careful study over a period of years of the New Testament, concerning a New Testament church. We also have learned by experience that people or churches that ever amount to anything or do anything outstanding have goals, objectives or life aims. Then they have some plans or method of reaching these great objectives or aims.

Our subject this morning is "A WORTHY CHURCH PROGRAM." My purpose today is to state briefly the goal in a worthy church program using Scripture to substantiate the same. Then we shall outline the program of work in keeping with the teachings of the Scriptures whereby we could achieve these great aims for our Lord's work here in our church help and influence that a church in the heart of a city that needs the such as ours should send forth.

I trust that you will pray this morning while the preacher tries to bring this message. In the beginning let me say that a program to be worthy must have worthy objectives and we must have ways and means of following through to obtain or achieve the objectives that we set forth.

A Fourfold Goal

First, that we strive as far as possible to have a Regenerated Church Membership (John 3:1-6). Every member of the First Baptist Church should be born again. Jesus said to Nicodemus, "Ye must be born again" (John 3:7).

Second, that we strive for a Spiritual Membership in our church. "That which is born of Spirit is Spirit" (John 3:6). And "he that hath not the Spirit of Christ is none of His" (Romans 8:9). And again, "They that are after the Spirit mind the things of the Spirit" (Romans 8:5). Therefore, in keeping with the Scriptures, the pastor would like for us to have as one of our goals a spiritual membership—people who think like Christ thinks, people who act like Christ acts, people who walk as Christ walked.

Third, that we strive to have a Separated Church Membership (I John 2:15; II Corinthians 6:17). "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you." Or, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him." This pastor is not concerned that people join our church who have not been born of the Spirit of God, and who will not separate themselves from the things of the world.

Fourth, that we strive to have a Compassionate Church Membership. Listen to the 36th verse of the ninth chapter of Matthew, "But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion." His bowels yearned within Him when He saw the multitudes scattered as sheep without shepherds and fainting. Oh, I wish that our church would have that sort of compassion that Jesus had when He looked out over Jerusalem and wept because a city was steeped in sin and would not come unto Him that they might have eternal life. I would today that our church would have the sort of compassion that Moses had when he prayed, "Oh God save these people or else blot thy servant out of the Book of Life." I would that we could and would have the same kind of compassion in our church that Paul had when

he said, "I could wish myself accursed for my brothers in the flesh sake." I wish that we could get the same sort of compassion that John Knox had when he felt the entire weight of Scotland upon his shoulders and cried out "O God, Scotland, or I die." That is the sort of compassion that I wish our church would come to have.

Church Loyalty Groups

Now with this fourfold goal before us, I wish to lay out in keeping with the Scriptures a plan whereby we could attain these great goals. First of all, with a membership such as ours, it is absolutely impossible for any one person to look after the spiritual welfare of so many people. It cannot be done. Therefore, we should divide our membership into equal groups with a chairman, preferably a Deacon, over each group. No group should have more than twenty-five members. The chairman of each group should be elected by the church. This spiritual leader would be responsible for seeing to the spiritual welfare of the members of his group. And then of course one would realize that at certain intervals, not too far apart, these groups must be dissolved and new groups organized with new chairmen in order that no one person would have the whole responsibility for any certain group but for a certain period.

The Purpose Of The Groups

First, to enlist every member of the First Baptist Church of Pascagoula into an orderly walk before God and men. Second, that we enlist every member of our church in a program of regular attendance unless providentially hindered. Third, that we strive to enlist every member of our church, who is able in any wise, to help carry on the financial program of our church. Every member of God's church should walk orderly before men and God. Every member of a New Testament church unless providentially hindered should help support the church with tithes and offerings as God has taught in His Book.

We shall discuss in detail the purpose of these groups.

First, we should see to it that our people are enlisted in Christian conduct. I am reading in Galatians, the sixth chapter, verse one: "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such as one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted." This is the basis for us to enlist every member of our church in Christian conduct and to walk orderly before God and before men. People should not be able to stay in good fellowship in a Baptist church and do anything that a person is big enough to do. We ought to expect some things from our people. We ought to demand things if they stay within the membership and fellowship of our church. You say, "Preacher, that's pretty hard." Yes, it's pretty hard but read what Paul had to say about it in the fifth chapter of I Corinthians, "But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat." He says that a Christian has no right to fellowship in a body or group with a person who is out of fellowship with God, and verse 13 of the same chapter says, "But them that are without God judgeth. Therefore put away from among yourselves that wicked person." The church ought to have a program whereby we can enlist every member of our church who has been born again to walk as Christians ought to walk in the sight of God. In the 18th chapter of Matthew, verses 15-18, Jesus says that if thy brother shall trespass—the King James version has it—"if thy brother shall trespass against thee"—but the original does not have "against thee." If a brother, a fellow member of the church that you are in, trespass against you or any

one else—if he sins go and tell him. If he hears thee and repents you have saved your brother and if he does not hear you, take two witnesses or three and try to show him his fault. If he hears not the committee of three or four, then carry him before the church. Jesus said that if he fails to hear the church then let him be as a publican or a heathen. These Jews don't associate with publicans. They didn't include them in their circle unless they had been converted to walk as they walked. These people didn't associate with heathens until they had been converted to their way of life. In other words, Jesus said that if a person couldn't be enlisted he ought to be dismissed. If he is regenerated you can't enlist him. We are striving for a regenerated church membership as our goal.

The next thing that I mention in this three point program is, that we strive to enlist every member of our church in church attendance. The Scripture says in Hebrews 10:25, "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is." People ought to go to church. You cannot live for Christ as well out of church as you can in it. You cannot be as good a Christian out yonder on the highway as you can in the house of God when you should be there. You cannot be as good a Christian out on the high seas on the Lord's day when people are at worship as you can be at the house of God, the house of prayer, the place of worship. You cannot be as good a Christian sitting on your front porch with your feet propped up in the air when God's people are at worship, unless you are providentially hindered. Therefore, in keeping with the word of God let us watch against indifference and unconcern, when it comes to church attendance. You you believe this morning that we would have an empty chair or an empty pew in this church with nearly 1400 members if we all get enlisted in this great program that we are talking about here this morning? According to the book of Acts the people thought that they were responsible to go to church. In chapter two, verse 46, "And they continued daily with one accord in the temple." I tell you if we are having too many meetings here at the church for you to get here, maybe you are having too many outside affairs that God is not pleased with.

After we enlist our people in attending our services, and after we enlist them in Christian conduct, let us strive to enlist every one of them to do what God says about bringing the tithes into the storehouse. That is our business. It is the business of God's church. It is the business of God's people to enlist every member of our church and if there is anyone who isn't able to bring a tithe to the church then the church ought to help such person because he certainly needs it. Malachi 3:10 says, "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse." Jesus said, "I came not to destroy the Law but to fulfill." Then listen to the great apostle Paul when he comes to talk about this business of enlisting people. He said, "On the first day of the week let every one of you" (That is how we get this business of everyone of us, every Lord's Day, bringing as God has prospered us, into the storehouse). No preacher concocted that idea. It is God's message. "Let everyone of you on the first day of the week lay by him in store as God has prospered him." We usually leave off that other but listen to it, "So that there will be no gathering when I come." God has to gather from us sometimes simply because we are stubborn and slow to do what He wants us to do.

Orientation Committee

Our church ought to have an Orientation Committee. Call it what you wish, I do not care whether you call it that or not, but it is a committee on instruction. People join our church, and we usually say to them, "Be seated," and then we turn them loose and they do

BEULAH, ATTALA COUNTY DEDICATES BUILDING

Beulah Church in Attala County formally dedicated its new building on October 23. The dedication sermon was preached by Rev. Kenneth Hall, associational missionary. He was assisted by Rev. B. F. Odom.

The church was organized in 1877, but has been disorganized for the past 35 years. In July, 1948, the people of the community met and voted to launch a cooperative effort to construct a new building. The new building has been completed and is debt free.

At the dedication service, all contributions toward the completion of the church were acknowledged.

not know anything about the program of our church. We should teach them. New members should have the program explained to them. Our church offers wonderful opportunities if they only knew it. There are duties and responsibilities for every member and they should be explained. In Acts 18:26, a couple of good Christians took aside a new convert and they put him straight in the way. They taught him. "And he began to speak boldly in the synagogue: whom when Aquila and Priscilla had heard," (they saw that he needed a little instruction in the program of God) "they took him unto themselves, and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly." After they had instructed him in the way he became an active worker for the Lord Jesus Christ. There ought to be a committee in our church whereby we can get new members acquainted with just what we are trying to do and then equip them so that they might not be so long in knowing what it is all about.

First Aid Committee

Then there is a last word that I have to say this morning. Our church ought to have a First Aid Committee. In the sixth chapter of Acts we read, "Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said, It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables. Wherefore look ye out among you men to do this task." If the churches had not failed in this particular responsibility there would not be a Red Cross as wonderful as it is. If the church had done its business and it's duty in looking after the needs of the less fortunate people of the community there would not be any need for these other agencies that we have in our city and in our nation, but the church has gotten away from God's plan. We have neglected the widows, we have neglected the orphans, we have neglected those who need our assistance and until the church provides an amount in the budget to look after the needs and welfare of the needy and then have someone responsible to do it, we will not convince the world of our concern and compassion.

Your pastor believes that a church that will adopt such a goal and program and follow through with it will do for a community and lost world what Jesus intends for us to do—bring it to Christ. But until we are willing to do what God wants us to do as Christians, we will not have very much influence in taking the city for Christ. God being our helper we shall do everything in our power to enlist every member of our church in doing everything that we should not do. And when we do this we will be able to win the lost to Christ as we have never done before.

If this simple Gospel message has found a responsive note in you then please give expression to it in some manner. If you would like for our church to have a program of this kind please indicate it.